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Central Bank governor Nabulsi resigns

AMMAN (R) - Central Bank Governor Mohammad Said Al Nabulsi hus tendered his resignation effective Jan. I. 1996, officials said Tuesday. Mr. Nabulsi, whose present five-year term began in 1994, has held the post since 1973 with only a hreak in 1985-1989 when he headed the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Mr. Nabulsi has submitted resignations several times in recent years hut they were not accepted, officials said. They said it was not clear what the reaction was this time or why he wished to quit, although he has been criticised by parliamentarians seeking to tighten control on the Central Bank. Bankers credited Mr. Nahusi with a tight monetary policy that has preserved the dinar's stability and controlled inflationary pressures, returning the banking system in its feet after an economic crisis in 1989. "Nahulsi huilt Jurdan's foreign reserves from zero in 1989 with reforms that have overhauled banking inspection and raised their efficiency and encouraged mergers to create a stronger banking sector." one hanker said.

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Bosnian rivals seal historic peace deal

Accord calls for Muslim-Croat federation and separate Serb entity, envisages united Sarajevo and effective central government

DAYTON. Ohio (Agencies) Bosnian rivals finally agreed to a U.S. sponsored peace plan on Tuesday in dramatic down-to-the-wire negotiations that were haunted by the threat of failure up to the last moment.

President Bill Clinton said the plan, which was scheduled to be initialled at 3 p.m. EST (2000 GMT), envisages a united Sarajevo. an effective central Bosnian government with a freely elected president and parliament, the return of refugees to their homes and a ban on charged war criminals from participat-

ing in public office, Mr. Clinton said the "people of Bosnia finally have a chance to turn from the horrors of war to the promise of peace. The presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia have made a historic and heroic

'They have heeded the will of their people."

The plan calls for Bosnia to be preserved as a single state

divided into two republics, a Muslim-Croat federation and separate Serb entity, with an almost equal distribution of land between the two.

Two senior Bosnian government delegation members told Reuters that the deal dld not come easily after yet another U.S. deadline for the talks to end expired at 11.30 p.m. on Monday (0430 GMT Tuesday).

At one point Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey said the talks had

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -On his way to forming a new

government. Prime Minister

Shimon Peres signed coali-

tion agreements with two

smaller parties and named

the members of his new

Mr. Peres said he moved

quickly in order to assure a

smooth transition after the

Nov. 4 assassination of Prime

Minister Yiizhak Rabin

which has left the nation reel-

"Our plan was to establish

a government at the earliest

opportunity in order not to

leave a crisis situation in the

country," Mr. Peres said af-

ter signing the coalition

Tuesday evening. Mr.

Peres named the members of

his new cabinet, which was

similar to the outgoing one

with Mr. Peres, like Mr.

Rabin, holding the defence

portfolio in addition to the

In a major change, Interior

Minister Ehud Barak. a

popular and articulate former

army chief, was named fore-

ign minister.
"We will stand together as

one to advance Israel. adv-

ance peace, strengthen secur-

ity and go forward with our

heads raised, 'Mr. Peres told

Labour Party members

Mr. Peres said he would

present his new government

to parliament on Wednesday

for what was expected to be

easy approval. Several

opposition parties have said they would abstain in the

vote in order to demonstrate

unity after Mr. Rabin's kill-

ing.
Mr. Peres formed the same

coalition that was in power at

the time of Rabin's death. It

consists of Mr. Peres Labour

Party, the dovish Meretz bloc

and the small Yeud faction, a

breakaway of the right-wing

Labour controls 44 seats in

opposition Tzomet Party.

gathered in Tel Aviv.

cabinet Tuesday.

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could not be confirmed at the time by the two other delegations and the U.S. mediators.

The dramatic breakthrough came after the Americans laid down the final draft on the table regarding major territorial issues which Serbia and Croatia agreed to sign leaving only the Bosnian delegation reluctant to go

along with the deal.
"The parties were due to respond to the draft by 11:30 p.m. and there were still some problems when the deadline passed and that is probably why Sacirbey called every journalist in the world," the source said.

But pressure built up over the night on the Bosnians to sign because both Croatia and Serbia had agreed.

A couple members of the U.S. delegation worked through the night and this morning Secretary of State Warren Christopher met with presidents Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia.

They were able to resolve the remaining differences." the official said. In his speech announcing

the deal, the president appealed to the American people and members of Congress to support the deployment of an estimated 20.000 U.S. troops to implement peace in the region.

"The parties have chosen péacé. Americans choose peace as well." he

Peres announces cabinet,

retains defence portfolio

the 120-member parliament.

Meretz has 12 and Yeud has

two, for a total of 58. Five

Arab legislators support the

coalition from outside.

guaranteeing a 63-57 voie on

Mr. Peres has been trying

to negotiate an understand-

ing with the religious Shas

Party which doesn't oppose

his peace policies outright.

but won't join the coalition.

In a nod to Shas and other

religious factions, Mr. Peres

signed a letter attached to the

coalition agreements that

said the government would observe the status quo on

Meretz, which has cam-

paigned against what it calls

religious coercion in Israel,

was given a veto right on

Following is the list of the

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Finance Minister - Avra-

Justice Minister - David

Trade and Industry Minis-

Health Minister -

Housing and Construction

Minister - Binyamin Ben

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Baram (Labour, unchanged)

Minister — Ora Namir

(Labour, unchanged)

Tourism Minister — Uzi

Labour and Social Affairs

Agriculture Minister —

Yaakov Tzur (Labour, un-

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new cabinet:

Mr. Clinton was facing collapsed. But his claims opposition by the

Republican-dominated Congress to send Americans into what is seen as Balkan quag-

The Bosnian government officials told Reuters that the "Serbs had agreed to settle for quality of territory rather. than stick to the 49 per cent of territory alloted to them."

The officials said the issue of the Port of Brcko, providing the government with an access to the River Sava in northern Bosnia, was settled. The Serbs will lease the port facilities for the next 99

years, the officials said. The parliament, instead of one house as initially proposed, will have two houses. on Croat insistance, they

Sarajevo will remain united but the Serbs and the government have traded off various parts of the city, the officials said, without elabor-

In New York, diplomats said the U.S. and Germany asked the U.N.' Secretary Council Tuesday to adopt within 24 hours two resolutions progressively lifting sanctions against Bosnia and Serbia, diplomats said.

One resolution would be aimed at lifting economic sanctions imposed on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). and the other would ease the arms embargo on Bosnia. the

Diplomats said the German and U.S. ambassadors

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and Arts Minister - Shula-

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Environment Minister -

Yossi Sarid (Meretz, un-

Integration Minister -

Yair Tsaban (Meretz, un-

Energy Minister — Gonen Segev (Yehud. unchanged)

Minister without portfolio

- Yehuda Amital (indepen-

The new line-up was

achieved in record time. 17

days after the assassination of

Meretz had threatened just

appointed as minister without

portfolio will coordinate the

The charismatic head of

the powerful Histadrut trade

union body. Haim Ramon.

was named as interior minis-

But an embarrassed Mr.

Peres initially forgot Mr.

Ramon, 45. and had folded

up his list. Blushing he finally

named Mr. Ramon to ap-

plause from the central com-

Mr. Peres said: "I will re-

spect all the promises made

by former Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin. It is a moral

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rule. Mr. Hadid praised the democratic path Zaben Abdullah (Photo by Boghos) that King Hussein has charted and called for

Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Tuesday Sheikh Barjas also lauded Prince Hassan's arrives at the site of celebrations held by Al untiring efforts to ensure Jordan's progress Hadid and Balqa tribes on the occasion of His and prosperity. The celebration was attended Majesty King Hussein's birthday. Addressing by Sharif Jamil Ben Naser, Prince Hassan's the ceremony, Sheikh Barjas Al Hadid (right) special advisor Mohammad Al Saqqaf, In-pledged his tribe's allegiance to the Hashemite terior Minister Salameh Hammad, Amman leadership of King Hussein and lauded the Governor Talaat Nawaiseh, Commander of Kingdom's achievements under the King's the badia and border police Sharif Fawwaz

Prime minister pledges to rectify professional associations' situation

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker said Tuesday that the government "will do all it can to rectify the situation of the professional associations and direct them to their basic objectives for which they were created.

He was speaking at a meeting with a group of engineers at his office in the Fourth Circle. The engineers called on the prime minister to present him with a memora " fum fining their position and the result of a meeting they held Monday to emphasise their determination to promote the engineering profession and steer it away from politics.

The prime minister expressed to the group the government's appreciation of their stand and their meeting which aimed at putting right the work of the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA) and directing its efforts towards safeguarding the profession and its members.

The professional associations have been at loggerheads with the government mainly over peace with Israelbut also over domestic issues.

The writers, doctors. lawyers and engineers associations have since Jordan signed peace with Israel threatened their members of dismissal if they normalised relations with Israel. The law gives them the authority to do so. A number of members have so far been dismissed or had their membership frozen.

His Majesty King Hussein has called twice in the past two weeks on the "silent majority" to come forward

and express its support for The King also called on the

associations to "leave politics for the politicians." He instructed the government to "ask the Higher Council for the Interpretation of the Constitution" to rule on the legality of the authority practised by the associations. Around 200 engineers.

proclaiming to represent the silent majority, gathered at the Professional Associations Complex Sunday where they discussed issues pertaining to the association and later staged a march in a show of protest against what they called "the minority's abuse of

The engineers said in a statement at Monday's meet-ing that they sought the enactment of appropriate legislations in order to guarantee the rights of the association members and to rectify the status of the professional associations.

At the meeting with the prime minister engineer Ali Obeidat said: "We as en-gineers look forward to ensuring that the JEA will remain a source of power for building Jordan following in the steps of the Kingdom's leadership in spirit and in profession and for the sake of serving this country and its good people. We pledge to keep this as our main priority and to steer away from all political trends and to restrict our work to the task for which the association has heen created.'

Engineer Khaled Saeed also said in a speech before the prime minister: "We as

Jordanian 'engineers realise the sensitivity and seriousness of the present circumstances through which our association and other associations are passing and also realise that the JEA leadership has gone astray in managing the association's affairs and has deviated from the professional path and shifted towards the political path with the result that political groups are now vying against one another in a drive

to force the engineers to adopt political stands. These political stands in fact reflect the association leaderships' malice and rancour towards this country and its leadership and its achievements. He said that the silent

majority among the engineers have raised their voices high at Monday's meeting in response to the King's call and are now telling the "deviationists: enough of your political venom which you call patriotic stands and no more venting of your sinister malice.

The JEA which boasts a 12.000 membership is headed by independent Islamist Leith Shubeilat and avowed opponents of peace with Israel.

In his speech to senior police and intelligence officers on Nov. 10. the King said: "Concerning our unions and the sheikhs of our associarions: Do they act constitutionally?"

The government maintains that professional associations should limit their work to the affairs of their professions

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Sudan: Rebels offensive repulsed

KHARTOUM (AFP) -Sudan announced that it has repulsed an offensive by southern rebels backed by Ugandan troops, saying the situation in the south was

'excellent." 'The offensive backed by Uganda and foreign powers has been driven back," the military_chief of staff General Ibrahim Suleiman told state television late Monday.

The situation in the south is excellent and our faces are courageously carrying out their duties," Gen. Suleiman said.

The television showed Foreign Minister Ali Osman Taha in military uniform touring the southern capital of Juba. Southern rebels had earlier announced they were fast advancing towards the

Sudan accuses Uganda of sending troops across the border to back the rebels. but Kampala denies the

charges.
Mr. Taha was shown addressing government soldiers, saying their "victory gives us an impetus in the foreign ministry to achieve success in our foreign policy of realising peace and stability with our neighbours and friends.

The big powers do not want peace in Sudan, but we are determined to carry on with our peace and de-velopment programme and with extending a peaceful hand to our neighbours." Mr. Taha said.

On Monday Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir announced at the opening session of parliament that the government had "neutralised the rebellion on the battleground."

Sudan has accused Egypt and other neighbours of "plotting" against it in the rebel attack.

Rights group urges ban on arms sales to Turkey

ISTANBUL (Agencies) — A U.S.-based human rights group called here Tuesday for a suspension of weapons sales to Turkey, accusing Ankara of violating buman rights and war conventions in its campaign to crush the separatist Kurdish rebellion.

Officials of the Human Rights Watch Arms Project told reporters at a press con-ference during which they presented a report on Turkey that their aim was to "monitor and prevent arms transfers to governments or organisations that commit gross violations of internationally recognised human rights and the rules of war."

Their report, entitled 'Weapons transfers and violations of the laws of war in Turkey," states that NATO weapons, especially those coming from the United States, are used by the Turkish government in its campaign against separatists in the mainly Kurdish eastern and southeast part of the country.

James Ron, a member of the organisation, said that fighter-bombers and helicopter sold to Turkey by the United States had been used by Ankara in that region and constituted the heaviest violations of the rules of war.

He said his group had identified four instances in which civilians were killed during government air raids. He said in one case, 24 civilians died on March 26, 1994, in the southeast village of Simak when two F-16 jets dropped four bombs on civilian

Mr. Ron said that investigators had identified 29 cases of human rights and war conduct violations between 1992 and April 1995 in which American-made weapons were used by the Turkisharmy. The report is based on testimony from 100 witnesses including three former Tur-kish soldiers who took part in army raids against the Kurds.

Mr. Ron noted that U.S. law forbids the sale of American weapons to countries that use them to violate human rights and called on the White House to stop supplying arms to Ankara.

Syria does not support

Meanwhile Syria has said it does not support the Kurdish guerrillas locked in an 11year independence war against Turkey. Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam was quoted as

saying. Mr. Khaddam, in a magazine interview that coincided with Turkish accusations that Damascus was harbouring anti-Turkey guerrillas, said Syria was in fact trying to curb cross-border guerrilla infiltrations into its northern neighbour.

"Syria does not give any support to the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). In fact, there are dozens of PKK members in Syrian jails who have broken Syrian laws and regulations," Mr. Khaddam told the London-based Arabic weekly magazine Al

Mr. Khaddam's interview, published in this week's

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Syria urges Israel to give up on early warning stations

DAMASCUS (AFP) — Syria before the announcement to withdraw from the coalition, on Tuesday called for the new government of Israeli but it then agreed to take Prime Minister Shimon Peres to give up on its demand for Political analysts said Mr. early-warning stations on the Barak would have only a limited role in the peace Golan Heights, for the sake negotiations, while Mr. Beilin, 47, who was of a peace deal.

Tangible progress could be achieved if the new Israeli government turned the corner to peace by agreeing to Syria's just and legitimate demands for a total Golan withdrawal." state radio said.

The Syrian-Israeli negotiations came to a stop because of the hesitations of the former Israeli government. which demanded earlywarning stations on the Golan, which would amount to consecrating the occupation," it said.

Mr. Peres was set to announce his new cabinet team later on Tuesday, following the assassination of his predecessor Yitzhak Rabin at a Tel Aviv peace

The Jerusalem Post newspaper said the prime minister would next month spell out for U.S. President Bill Clinton the price Israel was prepared to pay for peace with

rally on Nov. 4.

Peace talks ground to halt in June when the two sides failed to agree on security arrangements to accompany an Israeli withdrawal on the strategic Golan Heights. which Israel seized from Syria in 1967.

Israel wants to set up earlywarning stations on the Golan while Syria proposes the use of satellites.

Meanwhile, president Hafez Assad told his Lebanese counterpart Elias Hrawi Tuesday he was keen to help Lebanon liberate its southern part from Israeli occupation.

Mr. Assad's remarks were contained in a cable he sent

to Mr. Hrawi on the occasion of Lebanon's national day. "I am pleased to praise the development of the brotherly cooperation and coordination between Syria and Lebanon..." Mr. Assad's cable

"I also affirm the continuation of Syria's keen interest to extend every help possible to its sisterly country of Lebanon to liberate south Lebanon and the western Bekaa from Israeli occupation." the

Israel occupies a so-called security zone in south Lebanon to protect Israel's northern border from Lebanese and Palestinian guerrilla attacks.

Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where it has some 35,000 troops, is linked with Lebanon with a treaty calling for political, economic and military cooperation.

Kashmir group claims New Delhi bomb blast

NEW DELHI (AFP) - A Kashmiri militant group, the Jammu Kashmir Islamic Front, late Tuesday claimed responsibility for a blass in the Indian capital's main commercial district, Connaught Place, which left at least six people injured. police said.

The blast, which occurred around 7.30 p.m. (1400 GMT), seriously damaged about 20 surrounding stores and restaurants. Police said one of the injured was in a critical condition.

A caller claiming to be a spokesman from the front, which was previously known as the Ikhwan Al Muslameen (Muslim Brotherhood), told newspaper offices and news agencies in Srinagar that "we did this to avenge the killings of Kashmiri militants by Indian troops."

Our intention was not to kill the common man," he told them in Hindi.

The Press Trust of India said about 30 people were injured in the explosion taking into account those injured who were not admitted to hopistal. Bystanders said only six were injured, one critically

One witness said the bomb could have been placed inside a container outside the Delhi Darbar restaurant, which was badly damaged in the blast. "I saw a spark from a metal

box placed nearby an electric pole and in seconds the whole place was shattered," a witness said. The thunderous blast broke window panes as far as a kilometre away.

"Ten passenger cars, which were parked nearby, were destroyed," another witness

A car park attendant said he had seen a "metal box container lying near the electric pole since evening." He said he had informed police about the "suspicious looking object" around 7 p.m. (1330 GMT).

In September two low-

intensity blasts in New Delhi left 22 people injured. No one claimed responsibility for those blasts.

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U.N. team disarming Iraq in need of funds

KUWAIT CITY (Agencies) — The U.N. team disarming Iraq needs \$30 million to Gulf for maintaining econofulfill its mission for another year or it will run out of funds fies disarmament and other early in 1996, its chairman said Tuesday as he sought support from Gulf states.

The United Nations Special Commission needs "up to \$30 million a year" to pay the salaries of its 150 staff members and maintain equipment. UNSCOM Chairman Rolf Ekeus told AFP.

If Gulf Arab states and other U.N. members do not offer financial support, the team risks running out of funds in "early 1996," Mr. Ekeus said before leaving Kuwait for Oatar.

If we do not get the funds. we will have to close our work and that will be. I think. disastrous for the security in the region." Mr. Ekeus earlier told a press conference on Monday. UNSCOM, which sends

experts to Iraq to oversee the dismantling of its weapons of mass destruction, solved a cash crisis last year when frozen Iraqi assets were unblocked.

It now must rely on con-tributions from U.N. members, he said. "Iraq should pay for all the costs related to our work... but it appears that Iraq has no available funds because of the oil

Contributors might be reimbursed once the embargo is lifted, he added.

Mr. Ekeus said his tour would take him this week to Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Bahrain . and Saudi Arabia to seek "political support and hopefully also the necessary material support" for his mission.

It is quite natural that they also assist," especially since large Western countries have provided much of the financial support," Mr. Ekeus said. "Both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have been supportive," he added.
UNSCOM also relies on

U.N. members for "in-kind" support such as equipment, services and technical personnel, he said.

There is no longer unanimous political support in the mic sanctions until Iraq salis-U.N. resolutions. The UAE is standing by its call last month for an immediate end to sanctions.

Mr. Ekeus said Tuesday he would return to Iraq next week to prepare his December report on Baghdad's disarmament for the U.N. Security Council, which will decide whether to lift the embargo imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

But he did not sound optimistic about that happening. "Now, they say all the weapons were destroyed secretly as they were produced secretly." Mr. Ekeus said, referring to Iraqi officials, "However, we have no proof that these weapons

have been destroyed our task is to clarify that." Iraq has admitted to having developed an extensive chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programme and the missiles to carry them on. But U.N. officials said there is no proof that all have been destroved.

Iraq appears now to be suspected of producing a number of rocket engines, copies of Russian made ones. and we are not certain that these missiles have been destroyed," he said.

"In that case, Iraq is still theoretically keeping a hand-ful of such missiles." Mr. Ekeus said. "Iraq again declared they had been destroyed, but we are not convinced, so we will continue

verifying."
Under U.N. resolutions ending the 1991 Gulf war to free Kuwait, Iraq must destroy its nuclear, biological, chemical and longer-range ballistic weapons and hand over all details about them before the oil embargo can be lifted.

'Iraq using dhows to evade sanctions'

Meanwhile, a U.S. Navy spokesman said Iraq is suspected of using traditional

wooden trading boats in the Gulf to evade sanctions. Commander T. McCreary

said a U.N. interception force of ships from Belgium. the United States. Italy and New Zealand diverted 11 dhows in the past week suspected of exporting dates from Iraq.

These are dhows, not ships. It's a new tactic we are seeing in an attempt to violate U.N. sanctions by sending smaller vessels and more of them." Mr. McCreary told Reuters.

"We believe they loaded their cargoes in Khor Al Zubair in Iraq and were exporting the foodstuffs in violation of U.N. sanctions. he said by telephone from the Gulf headquarters.

The multinational force has been checking shipping in the Gulf to enforce the U.N. trade embargo imposed on Iraq since 1990.

Iraq has complained to the United Nations that U.S.flagged and British patrols violated its territorial waters.

Mr. McCreary said the force has diverted 26 vessels since October 1994, including the eleven, for contraband

Each of the eleven dhows held between 100 to 400 tonnes of dates. "At \$500 a tonne the cargoes are worth more than oil in terms of price per tonne." said Mr. McCreary, who added the prices were supplied to him by shipping sources.

Some of the other I5 diverted vessels have held diesel, which Mr. McCreary said Iraq exported at \$150-\$200 per tonne.

"Earlier in shipping we saw larger ships, and we pretty much shut that down," he "Now what we are seeing is a lot of small vessels like dhows with smaller cargoes.

He said U.N. teams which boarded the dhows, four of them flying United Arab Emirates flags and seven Indian. found false paperwork and some claimed to have loaded their cargoes in Iran.



COALITION GOVERNMENT: Acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres hands over his pen to Minister of Environment Yossi Sarid for him to sign the coalition agreement with left-wing parties to form his new government tuesday (AFP photo)

Kuwait special court to try former minister on graft

KUWAIT (R) — A court on Tuesday sent a former Kuwaiti oil minister charged with making illegal profits for trial by a special court for cases involving ministers, but ordered four other accused tried by an ordinary criminal court,

Criminal court indge Ahmad Mahfouz referred the case against Sheikh ali Khalifa Al Sabah, the most prominent member of the ruling Sabah family to stand trial on criminal charges, to the special court.

He added his court would try four other defendants accused of corruption in their work for Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC) and set an opening session for the four Dec. 26

Mr. Mahfouz set no date for proceedings against Sheikh Ali, the architect of Kuwait's oil industry and the only former minister to have been prosecuted for offences related to his duties.

Prosecutors accuse Sheikh Ali and four former oil executives of making illegal

profits from operations of state-owned KOTC.

The four - former KOTC Chairman Abdul Fattah Al Badr, a Knwaiti, former deputy chairman for financial affairs Hassan Qabazard, also a Knwaiti, and former **KOTC** officials Timothy Stafford, a Briton, and Nassim Mohsen, a Jordanian — face further charges of embezzle-

ment and forging documents. Sheikh Ali has denied the charges. Mr. Qabazard, the only other of the accused to turn np for trial, has denied

But Mr. Qabazard has told the trial he acquired money from KOTC operations on the instructions from his then superior, Mr. Badr. Mr. Qabazard is free on bail in

The other three defendants are living abroad. None has returned to Kuwait to face

trial or commented on the Lawyers said it was not Ali's trial, but they added it appeared his case would be heard by a special court as stipulated by a 1995 amendment to a 1990 law regulating ministers' trials. Opposition MPs bave

required under the 1990 law would make it hard to obtain convictions. The 1995 amendment set new court rules that lawyers say improves the chance of

argued the strict procedures

obtaining convictions. Sheikh Ali's lawyers have argued the 1990 rules should apply. KOTC lawyer Nasser Shaalan said the company did not mind what court tried Sheikh Ali as long as the money KOTC had lost was returned, Mr. Shaalan said the case involved financial losses of about \$121 million

and unquantified "non-

financial" losses.

"We have no problem where he goes. We trust the law here in Kuwait," he told reporters. "Our main conimmediately clear what proc-edures would govern Sheikh embezzled."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Death toll in Saudl bomb rises to 7

RIYADH (AP) - The death toll from a bomb which destroyed a U.S.-run military building rose to seven Tuesday with the death of an Indian man, the Indian Her Princess
Hilliam Control her embassy said. The man, whose name was given only as Balakrishnan, was the second Indian to die from the Nov. 13 bomb explosion. Mr. Balakrishnan worked as a cook with the Arabian Food Supplies Co. that caters to the American military training facility. Five Americans died in the blast and the U.S. embassy said 11 wounded Americans remained in hospital, including one on the critical list.

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Pollad granted Israeli citizenship

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Reversing himself, Israel's interior minister decided Tuesday to grant Israeli citizenship to Jonathan Pollard who is serving a life prison term in the United States for spying for Israel. Mr. Pollard, who is Jewish, was arrested in 1985. He has sought to win Israeli citizenship in hopes of improving his chances at a January parole hearing. Mr. Pollard made the request for citizenship earlier this year, but was turned down by the interior ministry which said that Israel normally does not grant citizenship to Jews until they immigrate. The case went to the supreme court which ruled Oct. 25 that the government had 30 days to explain its decision. Instead of appearing before the high court, Interior Minister Ebud Barak decided Tuesday to grant Mr. Pollard citizenship. Mr. Barak said in a statement that he made the decision after consulting with ministry legal advisers. Mr. Barak also said that "Israel will continue, as it has done in the past, to work on behalf of Jonathan Pollard.'

Palestinians arrest alleged killers

GAZA CITY (AFP) - Palestinian police have arrested the suspected killers of two leaders of the militant Islamic Jihad, a spokesman said here. "The intelligence services have arrested in the past days the murderers of Hani Abed and Mahmud al Khawaja," Colonel Mohammad Al Masri said in a television interview late Monday, adding they would soon appear in court. He did not say how many had been arrested. Mr. Abed was killed in a November 1994 when his car blew up in a boobytrap in Khan Younis in the south of the self-rule Gaza Strip, and Mahmud Al Khawaja was shot dead in July in the Shatti refugee camp near Gaza City by masked men. The Islamic Jihad, which has carried out several bloody antiIsraeli attacks, blamed both murders on Palestinians working for the Israeli secret services. The group accused Israeli agents of killing its leader Fathi Shaqaqi in Malta last month.

Earthquakes shake western Algeria

ALGIERS (R) - People ran from their homes into the streets when an earthquake shook the western Algerian town of SidiBelAbbes on Tuesday morning, state radio said. The quake rocked buildings in SidiBelAbbes and a big explosion was heard afterwards, the radio said. The Algerian news agency APS said the quake measured fouron the Richter scale and that it caused no damage. It gave no further details on the explosion. A moderate earth-quake also rocked the western city of Oran. The quake measured four on the Richter scale, APS said, after saying earlier the intensity was 3.4. The quake, centred in downtown Oran, caused no casualties or damage. "This weak earthquake did not cause any substantial losses," Algerian radio said.

Men banned from fashion shows

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - Kuwait's Islamic Affairs Ministry on Tuesday banned men from women's fashion shows and ordered models to cover themselves from their navels to their knees. The decree was issued after Kuwait's first fashion designer Nejud Budai, 23, last month staged a show here where models wore miniskirts and seethrough blouses before a crowd that included several men. "These shows must be held in areas reserved exclusively for women," according to the decree (or fatwa) from the ministry, which was carried by the official KUNA news agency. "The models' clothes must hide the parts of the body between the navel and the knees, which are not allowed to be seen. by other women. These clothes must be those which the Sharia (Islamic law) allows (women) to wear." The fatwa also allows women to work as models provided that photographs of their shows are not published in magazines or broadcast on television "because of their seductive

Strong earthquake hits southern Iran

NICOSIA (R) — An earthquake powerful enough to cause heavy damage in populated areas hit Iran's southwest Fars province Tuesday but there were no immediate reports of casualties, the Iranian news agency IRNA said. It said the "relatively strong" earthquake, which measured 4.8 on the Richter scale, shook Mamasani and Kazeroun cities at 0550 local (0220 GMT) and "frightened the residents of the two cities." The epicentre was recorded at 60 kilometres west of Shiraz, capital of the province. IRNA said a team of experts was sent to the region for damage assessment.

UAE, India hold naval exercise

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - India and the United Arab Emirates staged an unprecedented joint naval exercise in the Gulf waters Tuesday. Rear Admiral John de Silva, the flag officer commanding the Indian naval group, said three Indian warships participated in the daylong games with two vessels from the United Arab Emirates. The Indian ships, supported by a submarine which did not participate in the manoeuvres, were on a goodwill mission to build closer ties with the UAE, Adm. De Silva told the Associated Press.

'Bahraini activists trained by Hezbollah in Lebanon'

MANAMA (AFP) - tion members are based in Dozens of young Shiite Mus-lim activists from Bahrain are lah Al Ghoraifi, a Shiite clercamps, sources close to the Arabia, they said. opposition here said. Official Bahraini newspap-

ers earlier this year accused Hizbollah of being behind a wave of anti-government. riots that left 12 people dead from December 1994 to April Although they could not

confirm it, some sonrces close to the opposition said Hizbollah might have taught the activists how to make fire bombs with timing devices, which bave begun to be used here only in recent months. Diplomats added that the fire bombs were more soph-

isticated weapons than those used previously. The activists who trained with Hizbollah were able to return to Bahrain without raising suspicion because they avoided getting their

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In January, Bahrain de-nounced Lebanon's "inac-tion" toward the "hostile activities" of Bahraini opponents who took up exile in Beirut after they were expelled in 1981.

Hizbollah, linked closely to Iran, established itself in Lebanon when Iran's revolutionary guards arrived in the country in 1982. Bahrain has several times issued veiled accusations of Iranian influence in the riots. Bahrain's defence minis-

ter, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Ahmad Al Khalifa, said on Nov. 12 that "Iran is the main source of danger" for the Gulf, although he did not implicate Tehran directly in

Manama has never handed over the "concrete proof" of foreign involvement in the riots that it claims to have

"The authorities feel that Iran wants to destabilise Bahrain, a potential centre of unrest because most of its people are Shiite, but has carefully avoided naming their powerful neighbour,' an Arab diplomat said.

Shiite opposition leaders insist there is no link between foreign countries and the protests which are against unemployment and the suspension of parliament in Bahrain.

"During interrogation, the anthorities never bad the courage to accuse us of having intelligence links with Tehran," according to a Shiite opposition leader who was released from prison in September.

Since the Iranian revolution in 1979, several Bahraini opposition groups set up office in Iran where young Bahraini students still travel

to for theological studies. The Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain was set up in Tehran in 1976. Its leaders have been in prison or exile since a "plot" was said the exposed in December 1981.

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One arrested after Cyprus blast

NICOSIA (R) — Police in Cyprus arrested a man after a bomb ripped through an apartment block housing foreign cabaret artistes. killing one man, in the coastal town of Larnaca.

The blast on Monday night followed a series of attacks which police believe are part of a war between gangs for control of the entertainment and vice business in the mediterranean island.

Police said the bomb exploded before midnight, killing a 26-year-old Cypriot. The owner of the apartment. a friend of the victim, was arrested five hours later.

Police spokesman Savvas Antoniades said the man's body was thrown out of the apartment from the impact of the explosion to the road below. A state pathologist said the victim was blown to

Ancient Syrian city discovered

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A team of California anthropologists have uncovered the. ancient city of Urkesh in Syria, a political and religious. hub 4,000 years ago and the home of a mythical god. Urkesh was found after

nearly eight years of excavating the modern Syrian city of Tell Mozon by Giogrio Buc-cellati of the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) and Marilyn Kelly-Buccellati of California State University. "The identification of

Urkesh is analogous to knowing that Rome is in central! Italy and then finding Rome," said Mr. Buccellati, professor of the ancient Near East and history at UCLA. "Urkesh now has geog-

raphical as well as mythical location." he said. Urkesh was the cradle of the Hurrian civilisation and believed to be the home of their god named Kumarbi. Urkesh is located 640

kilometres northeast of Damascus and was the centre of the Hurrian civilisation around 2200-2300 B.C., according to radiocarbon dated objects.

The husband-wife team of

archaeologists. established that Urkesh was a vibrant city at least three 'centuries earlier than scholars believed, and a more important city than had been realised.

Prior to these findings, scholars knew of Urkesh kings from centuries later, but did not know where Urkesh was, or how important it was, the team said. They presented their findings Monday in Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania at the annual meeting of the American School of Oriental Research. The Hurrians lived in a part of the desert across what is now southeast Turkey and northeast Syria and spread

toward the centre of what is

modern-day Syria and west

into Turkey. The two archaeologists had been scouring the area since 1983 looking for Urkesh, finding shards of pottery and parts of buildings but nothing that named the site as Urkesh.

Then they found what appeared to be a warehouse where 600 artifacts were strewn across a floor, including stone cylinders with art and words carved into the

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AMMAN (J.T.) Royal Highness Princess Basma Tuesday voiced her appreciation and gratitude to the former members of the Jordanian National Committee for Women (INCW) for their efforts during the establishment period of the committee in 1992 and the committee's preparation of the national strategy for women. in a statement to the Jor-

dan News Agency, Petra, following the announcement of the new setup of the JNCW, the Princess said that the former committee has accomplished major achievements in the three years following the committee's establishment. The re-formation of the

committee came at the end of the mandate of the former committee and for the purpose of enlarging its membership so that it includes all the government departments and non-governmental organisations in addition to a number of specialists in areas that have direct contact with Jordanian women's needs in the next stage.

The new committee will undertake to work out a new working plan that takes into consideration the contents of the Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing. the Princess said. The working plan will be prepared in light of the priorines included in the national for women,

Princess Basma said. According to Princess Basma, the JNCW's attention in the next stage will focus on increasing the parucipation of women in political, and economic fields and on the status of women vis-a-vis Jordanian |aws and efforts to be made to secure amendments to the existing legislation in a women's status and increase women's participation in the political and economic life and stimulate their role in the develop-

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Dr. Abu Khalaf told the

Jordan Times that the sym-



Princess Basma praises former

members of JNCW, sees

brighter future ahead

The Princess said that women's committees in the governorates which constitute the executive arm for the implementation of the national strategy have played an important role in the latest municipal elections which resulted in the election of 10 women to local councils for the first time in Jordan's history.

These committees have organised numerous programmes to spread awareness in the local communities about women's role and the need for their participation in public life alongside men on the basis of Jordanian principles, values and traditions, Princess Basma pointed out.

Princess Basma said that many specialists involved in these comminees' work, including the legal committee, which was created by the JNCW, conducted a survey of Jordanian legislations and presented proposals for the required amendments to laws with a view to creating greater chances for women to be involved and incorporated in the development process in all its aspects. The Princess expressed her satisfaction with the cooperation between the JNCW and DOUDS meetings by women committees and deputies in the governorates have laid the foundation for solid coop-

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Princess Basma stressed that the five years separating Jordan from the 21st century require a great deal of work and effort if major achievements and implementation of the national strategy are to he accomplished. She added that the strategy provides for a solid base for a more advanced and more pro-

gressive future. The Princess, who is JNCW president, praised the awareness of Jordanian women and their potential which she said enables them to look with confidence and hope to the future,

Jordanian women are true to their buman role first and to their role as Jordanian citizens second, and that they recognise they have rights and duties towards themselves, their families and their nation.

Prime Minsiter Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday approved Princess Basma's recommendation of the new set up of the INCW to group the following: the ministers of planning, jusrice and social develpment, Abdul Karim Dughmi, the secretaries general of the ministries of labour, municipal and rural affairs, and the interior, as well as a representative of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, the president of the General Federation of Jordanian Women, Shadieh Nuseir from the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development, Amal Farhan from the academic sector, Fatineh Kabariti from the private from the women committees in the governorates, Nawal Faouri, Muyassar Sa'adi and Hiyam Kalamat.

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Prime minister: Jordan supports regional agricultural integration

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Monday said Jordan supported the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD) in its effort to ensure inter-Arab agricultural integration and guarantee food security for the Arab World.

Speaking at a meeting in his office with members of the AOAD's executive board who are bolding a meeting in Amman, the prime minister said Jordan is willing to offer the organ-

developing agriculture in Arab countries and said Jordan would like to see all Arab League organisations stepping up their activities and promoting their ser-

vices to Arab countries. The AOAD's executive board opened a three-day meeting in Amman Monday to discuss food security for the Arab world, the

to back its efforts in putting

its programmes into effect.

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Sharif Zeid thanked the

isation all forms of support implementation of pan-Arab agricultural projects and cooperation among regional and international organisations in agriculture-related affairs.

> After the meeting with Sharif Zeid, Majed Jashi, the Bahraini minister of agriculture, said board members briefed him on the organisation's activities. programmes and research work and its plans to help the Arab world achieve food security and promote agricultural production.

The AOAD board, which started sessions at the Hotel Jordan InterContinental, is reviewing reports by the AOAD director general about the past year's activines and plans for the next three years.

The meetings, attended by delegates from seven Arab states and several regional and international organisations, were opened by Minister of Agriculture Mansour Ben Tarif who outlined the situation of agriculture in Jordan.

Mr. Ben Tarif said Jordan has made major strides in developing food security through the appropriate management of productive land and the employment of modern technology.

Members on the AOAD executive board represent Jordan, Bahrain, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, the United Arah Emirates and Diiboun.

Orthodox Council appeals for support of rights

AMMAN (J.T.) -- The Central Orthodox Council which represents the Arab Orthodox community in Jordan and Palestine Tuesday issued an appeal to all Orthodox communities in the world to offer support for the community's efforts in affirming its rights in the Holy Land.

The appeal was also directed towards gaining support for the community's cultural and social cen-

The appeal, issued by Dr. Raouf Abu Jaber, chairman of the Orthodox Society and president of the Central Orthodox Council, urged various Orthodox communities to help Palestinian and Jordanian onhodox communities protect holy places and church property in the occupied Arab land.

Dr. Abu Jaber said the Orthodox Society, crested in 1992, with full backing from the Jordanian government and the Palestine National Authority, is seeking to protect the property and real estate of the Onthodox church in Palestine and to improve social, cultural and spiritual services for the Arah orthodox commu-

In earlier statements the Central Orthodox council accused the Greek Orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem leasing and selling church property to Israelis and of neglecting the affairs of the Onhodox community and their cultural centres and schools in Jordan and Palestine which fall under

his jurisdiction. The time has come for serious efforts to be made to guarantee and protect Orthodox church property in Jerusalem and other parts of Palestinian lands, Dr. Abu Jaber said.

He accused the patriarch and his assistants of shirking their responsibilities towards the holy places and neglecting spiritual, cultural and social services to the Arab community.

Dr. Abu Jaber's appeal came close on the heels of a general assembly meeting held by the Orthodox community in Jordan which issued an eight-point manifesto summing up the Orthodox community members stand vis-a-vis the Jerusalem Patriarch and which denounced the patriarch's shortcomings and

VICES. In their statement, the general assembly, which met in Fubeis, stressed

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determination in Jordan and Palestine to pursue efforts for the implementation of the 1958 Jordanian law on the Orthodox Church. The law provides for safeguards to the community and their rights to orthodox property.

The statement also voiced resolve to pursue contacts with the Greek Patriarch of Constantinople (Istanbul) and other churches to expose the patriarch's shortcomings and his failare to improve the conditions of the church and its affiliated cultural and social

Al Bilad journalists charged with insulting Lower House of Parliament released on bail By Rana Husseini free on bail. He said that after the cartoon

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Two journalists of Al Bilad weekly, were released on a JD 1,000 bond Tuesday afternoon after being detained again Monday, this time on charges of insulting the Lower House of Parliament, according to the publisher Navef Tawareh.

Al Bilad Editor Khaled Kasasbeh and cartoonist Usama Hajjaj were jailed again because Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Sa'ad Hayel Srour filed a complaint last month accusing the weekly of publishing cartoons that slurred the House in October.

"Parliament members were upset at what was published in

the newspaper, and since there is a Press and Publications Luw, we decided to file a complaint," Mr. Srour told the Jordan Times

The cartoon, which was published in mid-October, shows two doors next to each other. On one is written in Arabic "Dawara Istithnaeih" (extraordinary session) and on the other "Dawaret Miah" (toilet) and two people asking each other which door they will enter.
"Our cartoon was not targeting

the Jordanian Lower House of Parliament, and the cartoon did not indicate the Jordanian Parliament. What we meant was other parliaments," Mr. Kasasbeh told the Jordan Times Tuesday evening shortly after he was set

was published be was contacted by Mr. Srour who demanded an apology "whir we did published in our next is us," Mr. Kasasbeh added.

"We issued a statement explaining our intentions and that we were not targeting the Jordanian Parliament, but still the Parliament insisted on filing a complain," he added.

Moreover, Mr. Kasasbeh said the cartoon was published at least two months before the Parliament convened, and there were no articles related to the Parliament in that specific issue.

According to Mr. Kasasbeh, Amman Prosecutor General Mohammad Khashashneb

informed him Tuesday that there are three complaints filed against Al Bilad, and that he requested that Mr. Kasasbeh be present to bear the new cases.

The maximum penalty for the violation of any article of the Press and Publications Law is JD 1.000. The penalty for slandering the Parliament could reach three years imprisonment.

The same two journalists were involved in a similar incident last week when they were detained on Nov. 13 on charges of tarnishing the image of Islam.

The court is expected to hear both Al Bilad cases next week, according to Mr. Tawareh.

Amman municipality to construct two tunnels for pedestrians

AMMAN (Petra) - Amman Municipality will construct two pedestrian tunnels, according to deputy mayor of Amman Falah Omoush. One is expected to be built near the ring road linking the urban development and Amman municipality housing estates in the southern outskirts of Amman, and the second near the Royal Cultural Centre. The tender for constructing the JD 60,000 tunnel near the ring road has been floated, while the tender for the second tunnel near the RCC will be floated early next year. Interior minister brief Japanese delegation on ministry services.

EXHIBITIONS FILM

"Remains of the Day" at the British Council at 7.00 p.m.

LECTURES

- *" The Conflict between King Faisal and the British over the policy of Iraq" (in Arabic) by Dr. Mohammad Al Zubaidi at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.
- "Histoires du Cinema Français" by Noel Simsolo at the French Cultural Centre at 6.00 p.m. (fo be followed by a 36-minute film on the history of cinema).
- "Architectural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Development including the Case Study of Taibet Zamman Tourist Village" (in English) by Architect Lean Fakhori at the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature, Jubeiha, at 6.00 p.m.

CONCERTS

Musical performance by Bishr Hijazi at Darat Al Funun, Jabal Weibdeh at 7.00 p.m.

* Musical performance by concert pianist Jean Pierre Fournier at the Royal Cultural Centre.

- * Annual fall exhibition "Khawater" at the Jordan River Designs, (Tel. 613081/2) until Dec. 1.
- * "Pakistani Women of Substance in paintings and photographs" at the National Gallery of Fine Arts, Jebel Weibdeh.

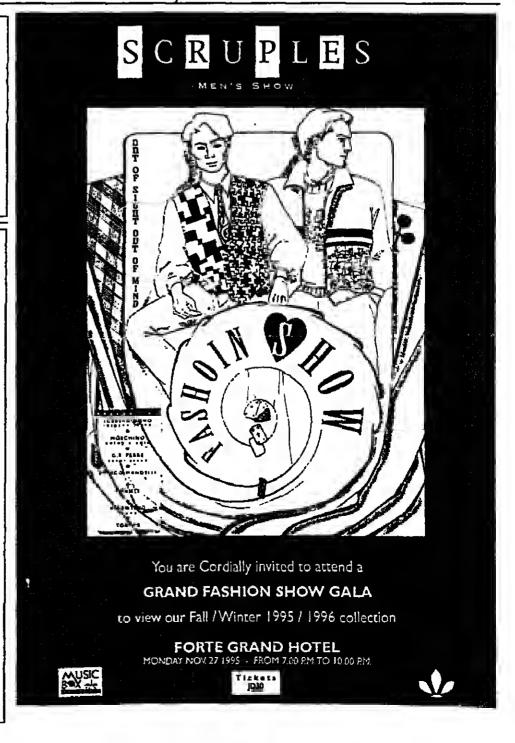
*Exhibition of stamps about the Royal Hashemite family (1916-1995) at the Royal Cultural Centre.

*U.N. photo exhibition on the occasion of the U.N.'s 50th anniversary at Abdul Hameed Shoman Gallery, Jabal Amman through to Nov. 23.

* Works by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Art Gallery. *Works by Dodi Taba'a entitled "Variations Graphiques 93-95" at the French Cultural Centre.

Sculptures & paintings by Iraqi Artist Ismail Fattah, and a retrospective exhibition of sculptures & drawings by Mona Saudi at Darat Al Funun, Jabal Weibdeh

'Metal works by Ammar Khammash at Liwan, off Wadi Sagra Street. Also displaying all kinds of handicrafts. (Tel. 699141).



Walesa aides allege vote fraud, challenge poll result

WARSAW (R) — Defeated President Lech Walesa's campaign staff alleged fraud by victorious ex-Communist Aleksander Kwasniewski's followers and said Tuesday they would suhmit a legal challenge to the election result.

"We have a hasis for submitting in the Supreme Court a monon for the elecnons to be annulled." Mr. Walesa's campaign spokesman Boguslaw Kowalski told Reuters. He said that in some places

members of local Electoral Cnmmissinns supporting Mr. Kwasniewski placed fraudulent vote cards in the hallot boxes. Just about 600,000 votes

separated the two candidates in Sunday's election which had a record turnout.

We have evidence that voting cards were thrown in, evidence that one of the members of an Electoral Commission in Warsaw added a whole sheaf - he was caught red-handed," Mr. Kowalski added.

Mr. Walesa's staff also protested in a statement that Mr. Kwasniewski contested the vote while claiming to have a higher education, when his old university had said he never graduated, and had failed to declare to parliament some shares held hy his wife.

"It is not right that the president of the republic was chosen by voting cards added to the urns, rather than by the choices of voters, and that he should have had more than one accusation of telling untruths hanging over him — and that is what Aleksander

Mr. Walesa has hitterly conceded defeat at the hands of former Communists he once removed from power, hnt has vowed to fight back in the next parliamentary elec-

Kwasniewski did.

"I still have lots of energy and...the tango will start for real now," the former Solidarity leader told a news conference after official returns confirmed he had lost to ex-Communist Aleksander Kwasniewski.

Mr. Walesa said he fully respected the democratic verdict, hut be accused Mr. Kwasniewski of playing foul in hlaming hardships caused by decades of communism on Solidarity-led reforms.

"Unemployment, the collapse of state farms are hills pay, hut they made us pick up the tah."

Mr. Walesa called on his supporters from fragmented right-wing and centrist parties as well as on his elecnon committees to nnite inm a hloc and prepare for 1997 parliamentary elections.

The pugnacious former shipyard electrician firmly rejected Mr. Kwasniewski's extended hand and an offer of cooperation.

We have nothing to say to each other and I will not talk to him," Mr. Walesa said, adding that he would not attend the official handover of power to his succes-

Mr. Kwasniewski. who according to surveys got the higgest support from those dissatisfied with five years of reforms, the unemployed and less-educated, rushed to assure Mr. Walesa's frustrated supporters he was not their enemy.

"I will not use my position to strengthen just one side of the Polish electorate. I feel responsible for the interests of all of us," be

Mr. Kwasniewski, who in the campaign portrayed Mr. Walesa as a political trouthat communism should hlemaker, called on Mr.

Walesa to help him unite Poles in a joint effort to secure a better future.

Mr. Kwasniewski's victory in Sunday's poll is a remarkable prize for six years of hard work, transforming the image of the former ruling Communist Party into that of a modern Social-Democratic group. The party already controls the government and parlia-

The 52-year-old outgoing president made clear be would not stand after Mr. Kwasniewski ended his five-year term.

"I have been president and do not think I will be running again," be said. "But l will be standing hy and promoting a new president."

Mr. Walesa did not give names hut earlier this year be told Reuters be saw Andrzej Olechowski, a well-respected former finance and foreign minis-

ter, as presidential material. tration. Rebel commanders made Mr. Olechowski founded a clear they intended to dis-Conservative-Liberal Party rupt the voting and Russian earlier this year, hoping to fill the void on the right Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov said his troops ahead of the next parliawere "preparing for the mentary elections and his worst" group is likely to be one of the pillars of Mr. Walesa's

But Mr. Knlikov was sure the elections in Chechenya would go ahead. "I don't think the situation will get more complicated ahead of the elections," he told the Ekho Moskvy radio station. However, the lzvestia

Doku Zavgayev

MOSCOW (R) — At least

four people were killed in

fighting between Russian

troops and separatist rebels

in Chechenya in the past 24

hours, less than a month

ahead of elections, Russian

and Chechen sources said

Both sides reported clash-

es as tension remained high

in the Transcaucasian

region ahead of the Dec. 17

polls for the Russian parlia-

ment and regional adminis-

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4 killed in Chechenya

as election day looms

spokesman Movladi Udu-

gov said Mr. Basayev oper-

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tain extent. "My view is

that you can expect any-

In the latest fighting,

ITAR-TASS news agency

said two Russian soldiers

had been killed and 10

wounded since Monday in

attacks hy "illegal armed

formations" on road blocks

Mr. Udugov said Russian

troops had stepped up tank

and artillery attacks.

"Chechen volunteers and

settlements came under fire

70 times," Mr. Udugov told

"Two people were killed and 11 wounded," he said,

adding that the heaviest fir-

ing was in the Achkhoi-

Reuters by telephone.

thing from him."

and patrols.

newspaper said in a report from rebel strongholds in southern Chechenya that local opposition to the polls

"If we are men, we should not hold these elections," it quoted rebel Commanderin-Chief Aslan Maskhadov as saying.

"We will not allow any elections." 'said 'Field Shirvani .Commander Basayev; the hrother of Shamil Basayev who became a Chechen hero hostage seizure in the southern Russian town of Budennovsk in June.

"Holding elections in Checbenya is unrealistic," Shamil Basayev told Izvestia. "As for my own response, I am not saying anything...We will continue our discussion on the ruins of the Kremlin.

Russian media reports have suggested Shamil Basayev could be in Moscow. But TASS, quoting an informed Interior Ministry source, said this was not true and the lzvestia report indicated be was in Chechenya.

1st rebel fighters move

LUANDA (R) — UNITA fighters have moved into a United Nations-supervised holding area in central Angola, one of the first real signs that the country's enemies are meeting the terms of a peace accord signed a

year ago. U.N. envoy Alioune Blondin Beye, observers and members of a joint peace commission witnessed the movement of the fighters into the Vila Nova assembly area in the central highlands province of Huambo Monday, state

More fighters are due to move into the assembly area and into another quartering camp in the province, at Londuimbali, until between 4,000 and 5,000

were in each. A intal of 15 camps have Angola).

In another development aimed at underpinning the fragile peace, U.N. peacekeepers inspected assembly areas being set up for the government's special paramilitary police under terms of the peace accurds that

decades-long civil war.

agreement for Cairo summit BUJUMBURA (R) -Former U.S. President

Jimmy' Career said Tuesday he had won agreement from Burundi on a draft agenda for a Cairo summit to tackle central Africa's twin crises of Rwandan refugees and ethnic violence. 'The visit to Burundi

cessful. The president, prime minister and others have approved a draft of the agenda for the conference in Cairo," Mr. Carter told an airport news conference. He said Burundi's cah-

Tanzania,

Martan and Vedeno regions. TASS said Russian posining out to solve the two tions were fired on 18 times in the same period, with 12 of the attacks in the capital

Russia sent troops into Chechenya almost a year ago to crush the hreakaway government of Dzhokhar Dudayev, who is now in hiding but still leading

Thousands of people have been killed and the casualty toll has been creeping up daily despite a loose ceasefire agreement reached in

Mr. Udugov. information minister under Mr. Dudayev, doubted any involvement by separatists in a remote-controlled bomb attack Monday against Doku Zavgayev, head of the Moscowinstalled Chechen govern-

He quoted Mr. Dudayev's Interior Minister Kazbek Makhashev as saying the attack, in which Mr. Zavgayev was slightly wounded, might have resulted from strife between pro-Moscow Chechen fac-

The apparent assassination attempt was the third against senior officials in the region in the past two

paramilitaries and the Angolan government had

tering to begin.

behind schedule. ment and the vice-presidency hy Christmas, hut added that this was too early.

"It will be at least seven months before the government of national unity happens, and we don't see how

The posts have still to be conditionally offered one of two vice presidencies.

Mr. Samakuva told Angop up to 5,000 UNITA troops to be demobilised or incorCarter wins Burundi PARIS (AP) - Thieves

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inet would approve the draft later Tuesday, paving the way for the five-nation summit to try to end ethnic violence in Burundi and arrange the return of refugees who fled Rwanda's civil war last year.

Leaders of Uganda, Burundi and Zaire will attend the summit in Cairo starting next Tuesday, Mr. Carter said. Abdul Azziz Hani, the interim U.N. special envoy to Burundi, told Reuters time was run-

problems. Asked if the summit could lead to a breakthrough, he said: "I hope so. It's one of the last chances to find a solu-

tion.' Mr. Carter denied that failing to invite leaders of two million Hutu refugees, who fled Rwanda in fear of retaliation for last year's genocide in which an estimated one million Tutsis and moderate Hutus

died, would lessen chances of success in Cairo. "This is a meeting of will be meeting with leaders of the Hutu refugees in camps today," said Mr. Carter.

The former president with his wife Rosalynn then flew to eastern Zaire to visit Rwandan

refugee camps. Rwandan refugee leaders have said their attendance at Cairo is vital for it to have any chance of success.

Zaire has vowed to expel one million Rwandan refugees in its territory unless they return home voluntarily hy Dec. 31.

Mr. Carter said the Cairo summit agenda would focus specifically on achieving a "rapid and peaceful return" of the two million Rwandan Hutu refugees in Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi.

He said the summit would also try to arrange the return of members of Burundi's Hutu majority and Tutsi minority thisplaced by two years of ethnic conflict, which has killed more than 100,000 people.

He said Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire would be urged to ensure an end to intimidation of refugees waiting to be repatriated.

The borders will be more tightly secured to prevent cross border raids from outside Burundi and Rwanda," said Mr. Carter, adding more steps would be taken to stop the flow of weapons to militia groups.

On Burundi, he said the international community would try to secure a meeting to reconcile its political factions.

Violence in Burundi pits the Tutsi-dominated army against Hutu rebels, with civilians and refugees caught in the

Mr. Carter said all nations would be urged to arrest suspects named hy an international trihunal as guilty of genocide in Rwanda

19th century bronzes stolen from **Fontainebleau**

broke into the famed Fontainehleau Castle and made off with 13 precious bronzes, including pieces that once belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte. The newspaper Liberation quoted police sources as saying that last Thursday night's rohbery took less than five minutes. Officials suspect experienced thieves who knew their way around the 17th century royal abode 60 kilometres southeast of Paris. The missing 19th century pieces, including two vases, six clocks, two glaives and two "chariots," are worth about 2 million francs (\$400,000). Police sources were quoted as saying the ohjets d'art are numbered and inventoried, making them virtually impossible to sell at public auction.

British shops open doors to midnight **Beatlemania**

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LONDON (R) - Beatlemania gripped Britain as fans of all ages flocked to record shops which opened specially at midnight to sell the first new alhum in 25 years hy the world's most famous pop group. Daniel McGarrigle and Jennifer McHngh, both 19 and born years after the Beatles split up, queued up with about 300 people outside a London shop of the giant HMV chain to be among the first to huy the compact disc Beatles Anthology I. Outside the shop there was a party atmosphere as fans sang along with buskers pounding out Beatles tunes. About 500 people queued outside an HMV shop in Liverpool, the Beatles' hometown.

Jason Donovan collapses again

SYDNEY (AFP) Entertainer and ex-soap star Jason Donovan was rushed to hospital Tuesday afternoon after collapsing in a delicatessen at Sydney's famous beachside snhurb of Bondi. Television reports here said amhulance officers administered oxygen and stabilised Donovan shortly after the incident, which occurred just before 0200 GMT. He was taken to the nearby Prince of Wales Hospital hut staff there said the former Neighbours star had not been admitted to the hospital. Donovan was reported to be recovering at his beachfront Bondi home Tuesday night. Earlier this year, Donovan collapsed at the Viper Room, a Los Angeles nightcluh which was the scene of Hollywood actor River Phnenix's death from a fatal cocktail of drugs. Donovan had said fatigue and jetlag were the cause of his first collapse, hut it was not known what led to the second health scare.

China puts 6 artificially-bred bears into wild

BEIJING (R) — China has released its first six black bears hred using artificial insemination into the wilds of the northeastern Changhai Monntains after providing them with survival training, Xinhua News Agency said Sunday. The cubs, whose parents are wild, began training at the age of two in how to gather food in the spring, exercise in the summer and hibernate in the winter, it said. Officials have attached electronic devices to the necks of the bears to trace their movement through a 12 to 18 square kilometres area, the news agency said. It did not give details. Experts from the Beijing Badaling Bear Park, Beijing University and the northeastern Dongfang Bear Park spent three million yuan (\$361,500) on three years of research and experiments to breed black bears that could survive on their own in nature reserves.

Little joy seen for Keating in Australia poll gain University researcher Clive While Labour continues Australian Prime Minister to trail the coalition by

Paul Keating's personal popularity is recovering in opinion polls but analysts said Tuesday the conservative opposition lead still appeared too great for Labour to catch up before 1996 elections.

However, they said Mr. Keating's strong gain with voters could become a valuahle campaign weapon against the Liberal-National Coalition which will be trying to end 13 years of Labour rule.

leader, you highlight your leadership," Australian Broadcasting Corp electoral analyst Antony Green told

Reuters. "lf the (opposition) Liberal Party has got any sense, they won't campaign on leadership in this cam-

judge has struck down a key

part of California's Propo-

sition 187, the United

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In a ruling hailed hy oppo-

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described hy its proponents as an "outrage," U.S. Dis-

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said it was unconstitutional

for California to deny pri-

LOS ANGELES (R) — A., immigrants.

Mr. Keating for the first time is more popular than opposition leader John The polls show Mr. Keating leads Mr. Howard

as preferred prime minister hy between one and three percentage points. But analysts say the coali-

tion's lead is too great and Mr. Keating's too narrow for Labour to catch up significantly ahead of national held by May 1996.

"If the parties were more closely matched, it would be significant," electoral Malcolm MacKerras told Reuters.

"I don't see any evidence to suppose that Keating will win the election," he said. Anstralian National

She also struck down the

so-called "squealer" provi-

sion, which would have

required teachers and

school authorities to inform

the immigration and natu-

ralisation service of their

suspicions that children

were the sons and daughters

Judge Pfaelzer said illegal

immigration fell under fed-

eral jurisdiction and noted:

"The state (of California) is

powerless to enact its own

of illegal immigrants.

Bean, a specialist on elecabout eight points in three tions and public opinion, main public opinion polls, told Reuters Mr. Keating would need to widen his lead to 20 points before it would lead to a two to three point boost in Labour's sup-

"The level of support for parties is related to the level of support for leaders, hut only to a modest degree," he

"You will need to see a change of 20-odd per cent in order for that to make a rhange of two to three per

"If there is something of a surge toward Mr. Keating ... then some of those people could be expected to change their general view of the parties from a pro-coalition view to pro-Labour."

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The jndge did, however,

rule California could deny

higher education to illegal

Howard and Mr. Keating were not popular enough to hase campaigning on lead-"Keating's historical rat-

ing with voters hasn't been all that great," he said. "John Howard does not have a terribly good image overall, either.

The coalition has maintained a strong opinion poll lead over Labour through-

out this year. Mr. MacKerras said he expected the coalition's opinion poll lead to transwith a majority of ahout 20 seats in parliament's 148seat lower house.

Labour, which has ruled this nation of 18 million

since March 1983, must hold an election hy mid-Although be expected a May Most parliamentarians strong focus on the leaders and analysts expect the election in March.

California's immigration measure receives setback "While it appears that the

> immigrants and their chil-Proposition 187, the socalled "save our state" measure approved hy voters last November hy an overwhelming majority of 59

She indicated in her ruling

state can permissibly deny wholly state-funded benefits and services without impeding the objectives of federal law, it is unclear from the record whether any such purely state-funded programmes or health care facilities in fact exist."

that where a programme was even partially funded hy federal dollars, the state could not deny illegal immigrants and their children access to them.

gency medical services to illegal aliens. Judge Pfaelzer, in a 71page ruling, also cast doubt on those provisions, saying:

per cent to 31 per cent. would also deny welfare benefits and all hut emer-

mary and secondary educascheme to regulate immition to the children of illegal gration." Soviet plot sparked 1941 U.S.-Japan war — KGB man

TOKYO (R) — Moscow used a top collaborator in Washington to beighten war tensions between the United States and Japan, provoking the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbour that made the Americans join the war, a Japanese daily said Tnesday.

Vitaly G. Pavlov, 81, a senior Soviet spy who handled North America during World War II, told the Mainichi Shimhun in an interview that the key man in the plot was Harry White, special advisor to U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthan.

Mr. Pavlov said Mr. White was a Soviet "collaborator" who had the trust of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull. "He was not what the Americans later would call a Soviet agent, he was just a collaborator," he told Mainichi.

Historians said Mr. Pavlov's testimony provided missing facts about Soviet infiltration in Washington in World War II.

was accused of being a after Germany defeated

Soviet spy. Mr. Pavlov's testimony gives us the missing pieces and shows how elaborate Soviet activities loomed behind the U.S.-Japan row that led to Pearl Harbour," said Professor Makoto lokibe of Kobe University.

Prompted hy Moscow, Mr. White wrote a memorandum to Mr. Hull that formed the basis of a document called the "Hull note". which was regarded hy Japan as an ultimatum and so led to the sneak attack on Pearl Harbour on Dec. 7, 1941. The U.S. went to war against Japan as a result of the attack.

In the Hull note, the United States demanded Tokyo withdraw troops from Indochina, China proper and northeastern China under Japan's puppet government Manchukuo, in exchange for removal of a U.S. oil embargo which was

crippling Japan. Japan occupied China's three northeastern provinces in 1931, started a full-scale war with China in 1937 and "We only knew that White took over French Indochina

France in June 1940. The Hull note was handed to Japan's envoys on Nov. 26. Prime Minister General Hideki Tojo interpreted it as a virtual ultimatum because of Mr. Hull's surprisingly stiff and sweeping demands to abandon all of Japan's

cnnquests since 1931. Before the Hull note, the only U.S. demand to Japan was to withdraw from French Indochina. Five days after receiving the Hull note. Emperor Hirohito's War Council ordered Japan's aircraft carrier fleet to attack Pearl Harbour on Dec. 7.

Mr. Paviov said the plot to stiffen Washington's stance against Japan, called "Operation Snow" after White's family name, came in an order from Soviet spy chief Beria in October 1940. Mr. Pavlov said he travelled to Washington in May 1941 and met White at a Washington restaurant.

Beria's orders for Mr.

Pavlov, conveyed in turn to

Mr. White, came in three

parts: The United States

should demand that Japan

stop aggression against

China, withdraw its forces from the Asian continent and free Manchuria from de facto Japanese control. All three parts found their

ways into the Hull note. "Japan's expansion in Asia was threatening the Soviet Far East at a time when we were anticipating war with Germany," Pavlov told the Mainichi. "We had to avoid a possi-

ble second front (with Japan

in the Far East). We did not

directly plan to trigger war between Japan and the United States, hut if that happened, we did not mind. "I told White it was up to him to find plausible reasons for the United States to

make those demands to

Japan. Mr. Pavlov retired from the Soviet KGB secret service in 1987 and has just finished an unpublished memoir. 'Mr. White became head of the International Monetary

Fund in 1946. He was summoned in the "red purge" hearings by Senator Ine McCarthy hut died in 1948 before any evidence was

into Angola holding camp

Peace Commission, Isaias Samakuva, as saying that

radio reported Tuesday.

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The Angolan News Agency, Angop, reported that 10 quartering camps had been earmarked for the

given permission for quar-Angop quoted UNITA's representative on the Joint

implementation of the Lusaka Accords was far Mr. Samakuva said last week that UNITA would announce four nominees for posts in the unity govern-

having a list of names can be useful," he said. decided. UNITA leader Jonas Savimhi has been

Despite the accords, UNITA fighters and govemment soldiers and their leaders are deeply suspicious of each other and there have been dozens of violations of the ceasefire.

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"She will not go quietly," Princess Diana said of herself, "Sbe will fight to the end. Because I have two children to bring up and because I believe I have a role to fulfil." Some British newspapers

Diana, estranged wife of

Charles, confessed she had

dashing cavalry officer but

said she did not want a

divorce and vowed to stay

In a frank and wide-rang-

ing interview screened by

BBC Television Monday,

Princess Diana quietly

admitted she had carried on

an affair with former officer

James Hewitt and said bis

1994 kiss-and-tell book

about their relationship had

Asked if she had been

unfaithful, Princess Diana,

blinking and sniffing slight-

ly, replied: "Yes, I adored

him. Yes, I was in love with

She added: "I was

absolutely devastated when

Prince

heir-to-the-throne

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I trusted him."

latched on 10 these remarks for their headlines. The Daily Telegraph led with the story under the headline "1 shall fight to the end, I will not go quietly". The Guardian's headline over its front-page story was Diana: 'I will not go quictly". Princess Diana spoke quietly and calmly about the

breakdown of her marriage. Wearing a sober navyblue suit, she frequently flashed ber trademark "shy-Di" look by peering up through lowered lashes. But her answers during the farigue and jeda: Thour-long interview were Japan to take legal steps on U.S. base dispute

TOKYO (R) — Japan's

Prime Minister Tomiichi

Mnrayama decided Tuesday

to take legal steps to allow

him to overrule local offi-

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It was the latest develop-

ment in a saga that has

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fall apart. "I desperately wanted it to work. I desperately loved my busband and I wanted to share everything together, and I thought that we were a very good team," she said, But depression set in after the birth of their first son. Prince William, in 1982,

years her senior, started to

she deliberately attacked berself. "So yes, I did inflict upon myself. I didn't like myself, I was ashamed because I couldn't cope with the pressures," she said, adding: "I

Later, Princess Diana developed bulimia, a slimmer's disease that caused her to over-eat and then deliberately vomit.

just hurt my arms and my

"It was a symptom of what was going on in my marriage. I was crying out for belp." Prince Charles himself

admitted adultery in a similar television interview 18 months ago. Princess Diana said she had known about her husband's affair with old flame Camilla Parker

"Yes I was (aware) but I wasn't in a position to do anything about it," she said. Asked how she knew, she said Prince Charles's behaviour had made it clear. "A woman's instinct is a very good one," she said. But Princess Diana said

she did not want a divorce. "I don't want a divorce but obviously we need clarity on a situation that has been of enormous discussion," she said.

She said she had not discussed the issue with the heir-to-the-throne. The couple, who separated in 1992, have two sons - Prince William, 13 and Prince Harry, II.

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She described bow her dren? Our boys - that's fairyiale marriage at the age of 20 to Prince Charles, 12 what mutters, isn't it?"

The Princess of Wales is interviewed by BBC's Martin Bashir (right) in the current affairs programme, Panorama

Princess Diana, herself frequently criticised for waging a popularity war in the press, accused courtiers of conducting a campaign They see me as a threat

of some kind, and I'm here to do good. I'm not a destructive person," sbe Asked if she thought she

would ever be queen, Princess Diana answered: "No, I don't, no." Princess Diana more popular than her quirky husband in public

opinion polls - said she valued her work and her supporters enormously and wanted to work as an ambassador for Britain. Buckingham Palace said it had no comment on the interview, which the BBC

estimated had a nationwide audience of 15 million people. Electricity suppliers said power use surged by 1,000 megawatts after the interview as millions rushed to brew up a cup of tea. Princess Diana's frank

admission of adultery, her graphic description of her three-year battle with bulimia and her certainty she will never be queen left Britons reeling Tuesday and dealt a devastating blow to the monarchy.

Speaking with quiet dignity, Pincess Diana said she had been labelled mentally unstable by the royal family as she battled post-natal depression and bulimia, an eating disorder, within two years of her fairytale marriage to Prince Charles in 1981.

"I'd like to be a gneen of people's hearts...But I don't see myself being queen of this country," said Princess

Diana, 34. Friends of Prince Charles sprang to his defence with one friend, senior govern-

Since the rape, Okinawa Governor Masahide Ota has

refused to sign some base

land leases which expire at

the end of March, saying the

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cate that he supported the

U.S. military presence

Japanese law allows the

prime minister to order the

governor to sign the land-

If the governor ignores the

lease documents.

there.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) hit back with a counter-attack in the eastern Amparai district where the guerrillas

cess Diana as being "in the advanced stages of paranoia".

Andrew Morton, author of n 1991 book which first revealed the depths of Princess Diana's despair over her marriage, said he believed the interview could work against her. "I think she overplayed

the martyr card," be said. "The strategy she sees for herself is not as Princess of Wales but as a princess for the world. Someone who will be an ambassadress. That does not fit very well with the fact that today sbe is now in purdah as far as the palace is concerned."

Princess Diana portrayed herself as the wronged woman who "desperately loved" Prince Charles but was given no help to adapt to her role in the media spotlight. She said she was soon

aware that Prince Charles, fed up with a young wife who was not living up to his lofty expectations, had rekindled his affair with Ms. rker-Bowles.

There were three of us in this marriage, so it was a bit crowded;" she said arehly. Buckingham Palace Tuesday offered talks with the Princess of Wales on her future role within the British royal family, a palace spokesman said.

The statement followed Princess Diana's interview Monday. "On the Princess of Wales's public duties, we will of course be talking again to the princess to see bow we can help her define her future role and continue to support her as a member of the royal family," it said.

The palace gave no details of what might be discussed at such talks.

"We are not going to enter into the public debate generated by the Princess of Wales's interview, either on or off the record, beyond this guidance today," the terse statement said.

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Murayama himself to sign

In a related development a

joint panel of U.S. and

Japanese experts met in

Tokyo Monday and agreed

to work promptly on trying

to reduce the problems cre-

ated by the presence of

One U.S. sailor has plead-

ed guilty to the rape charges

and two U.S. Marines have

headed by his personal

physician, Health Minister

His wife Dimitra Liani,

U.S. bases in Okinawa.

the documents.

Sri Lanka army inches towards booby-trapped Jaffna City.

COLOMBO (R) — Elite Sri Lankan troops advanced cautiously Tuesday towards the city centre of Jaffna, the Tamil rebel base for 10 years, now a booby-trapped fortress sheltering a clutch of guerrillas against a final army assault.

The army said in a statement Tuesday that troops gradually began moving from the Hindu temple district of Nallur they captured Monday on the outskirts of

"Further advance and clearing huildings of booby traps and explosives in the Nallur area commenced at first light," the statement

killed three paramilitary

policemen and wounded 30,

The army said Sri Lanka's elite Reserve Strike Force took over from regular troops Monday and headed for the main city square of Jaffna, overcoming heavy guerrilla resistance.

At least 40 rebels were killed in fierce fighting in Nallur Monday. The army said an officer and three soldiers were killed. However, rebel radio

broadcasts monitored by Reuters in the northern town of Vavuniya said Tuesday that more than 100 soldiers were killed in Monday's fighting, while the LTTE lost only six of their cadres.

The LTTE, who have waged a 12-year war with the Sri Lankan government for an independent Tamil homeland, Tuesday called

on Jaffna people to vacate the northern Vadamarachchi and southern Tenmarachchi districts and head south into Kilinochchi on the main-

Analysts said any more refugees arriving Kilinochchi would stretch resources there to the maximum. Anywhere between 100,000 and 400,000 refugees are already said to be massed in the area, which is under rebel con-

"Government officials are working around the elock. They will be unable to cope with any more refugees," a civilian arriving Vavuniya told Reuters. sources told Official

Reuters in Vavuniya that officials in government Kilinochchi had asked Colombo for additional supplies, including generators and lorries to transport refugees out of the area.

Police and army patrols were beefed up in Colombo to prevent a Sinhalese backlash against Tamil civilians as many members of the majority community waited impatiently for the fall of Jaffna 10 years after it was lost to the guerrillas.

Police in Colombo said they also arrested a woman suspected of running a boarding house for the LTTE in the city.

"Sbe is suspected to have provided accommodation to Tiger suicide bombers and provided them with jobs as their cover," Colombo Police Chief G.B. Kotakadeniya said.

The arrest followed a police dragnet across the eapital city where the LTTE is believed to be eyeing soft

S. Korean prisoners go on hunger strike over Roh

SEOUL (R) - Dozens of South Korean prisoners began a bunger strike Tuesday in protest at VIP privileges for jailed ex-President Roh Tae-Wno as prosecutors quizzed Mr. Roh's closest advisers over his slush fund.

Mr. Roh, who confessed be amassed \$654 million during his 1988-1992 term in office and still keeps \$242 million in his secret coffers, was put into custody at the Seoul Detention House last Thursday after being arrested on corruption charges. More than 50 inmates at

the centre went on hunger they believe is official coddling of the former president, dissident sources

Like other detained VIPs, Mr. Roh has a cell to himself, but media reports say his room is double the usual size and that he has a private shower. Ordinary prisoners show-

er communally and are kept three or four to a cell which is unheated even in the icy winter. Also Tuesday, prosecu-tors questioned Kim

Chong-In, Mr. Roh's former economie affairs seeretary, over the fund his exboss amassed in office.

They were also expected soon to bring in Lee Wonloe, a former member of parliament who was in Mr. Roh's inner circle. Both of them have been barred from leaving the country.

"I will reveal all that is still in doubt," Mr. Kim told reporters as he walked into the prosecutor general's office. Prosecutors have until

Dec. 5 in charge Mr. Roh formally, a prosecucion official said. He said under South

Korean law they can detain Mr. Roh for an initial 10 days and then for a further 10 days if necessary. A spokeswoman for the

dissident group Minkahyup, a pressure group set up by relatives of protesting inmates at the detention house, released the news of the bunger strike.

"We have heard that 55 prisoners began a hunger strike today, and they will continue to do so until Mr. Roh is treated like all other prisoners and not specially," she said.

All 55 call themselves political prisoners, although the government rejects this label, saying they are common criminals.

Some are serving sentences for breaking a national security law banning contacts with Communist North Korea.

An official at the detention house said he could not comment on the hunger strike or Mr. Roh's condi-

Che Guevara's secret burial place revealed by Bolivian general — report

WASHINGTON (AFP) -A retired Bolivian general has broken 28 years of silence to disclose where in Bolivia the body of legendary Cuban guerrilla leader Ernesto Che Guevara is buried, the New York Times said Tuesday.

Claiming be was among the only three people to witness the burial, General Mario Vargas Salinas told the daily in an interview that Guevara "is huried under the airstrip at Vallegrande," a provincial capital 150 kilometres southwest of Santa Cruz.

Gen. Vargas, who was a 30-year-old officer based in Vallegrande at the time of Guevara's death at the hands of the Bolivian army in 1967, said Guevara was buried on Oct. 11 of that year in a mass grave along with five other guerrillas. The retired general said he also witnessed

bow Guevara's bands were cut off before burial and his death mask taken to prove to the world be was really dead. His burial site was kept secret to prevent

it from becoming a place of public homage, Gen. Vargas said. "Enough time has passed and it's time the

world knows," Gen. Vargas told the daily explaining his mouves for breaking his He said he felt Cuba and Bolivia needed an undisclosed location in Cuba.

to resolve their remaining differences: "If the Israelis and Palestinians can make peace, wby can't we." Guevara, who trained as a doctor in

Argentina (from where be tnok the nickname "Che") strove to export the Cuban revolution to Latin America after he helped lead Fidel Castro's Communist guerrillas to victory over Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista in January 1959.

After leading guerrilla expeditions in Argentina and the Beligan Congo, now Zaire, Guevara went to Bolivia in 1966, where he was given chase by the Bolivian army with the belp of several agents from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Captured on Oct. 8, 1967, some 50 kilometres from Vallegrande, according to Gen.

Vargas, Guevara was executed the next day by order of then Bolivia's president, General Rene Barrientos. Gen. Vargas said he later met Guevara's

executioner, who told him the revolutionary's last words were, "shnot, coward. You are going to kill a man.". The death mask and amputated hands of

Guevara were smuggled out of Bolivia by a Bolivian journalist and are currently kept in

Death toll rises in Nepal avalanche

KATMANDU (AP) — Hundreds of Western hikers rescued from a deadly avalanche headed bome after the government scaled back its rescue operation in the peaks surrounding Mount Everest.

Authorines - raised the death toll in the Nov. 10 slide to 56, and said an aerial search of the area found no sign of more survivors. The new additions to the

death toll were Nepalese, either guides or residents

who run scores of tea shops

and shelters along the trek looks like it is over now," route, the government said Monday. In all, 32 Nepalese and 24

tourists died in the massive avalanche that turned the Himalayan fnothills into a sheet of snow. Searchers reseued 549 people by helicopter, the majority of them Most trekkers left Mon-

day or earlier, but some remained in the capital of Katmandu, planning to return to the mountains. "It was a nightmare, and it said Stan Armington of Malla Treks, one of the top five trekking companies in Nepal. "We hope things will settle down soon." In addition to the

Nepalese victims, 18 Japanese, four Canadians, a German and an Irish tourist were killed.

A landslide in western Nepal the same day killed at least six people, including

Pakistani minister says Islamic University is a haven for terrorists

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Interior Minister Nasirullah Babaar called Pakistan's Islamie University a sanctuary for militanis and terrorists hiding out in the country, a ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

"I would close the Islamic University if 1 could," Mr. Bahaar was quoted as saying in the English-language newspaper The News.

His comments followed a terrorist attack Sunday on Egypt's embassy in Pakistan, which killed 17 people and wounded at least 59 others.

suicide bomber slammed his truck packed with explosives into the embassy grounds and triggered a lethal blast that ripped an entire side from the huilding and showered the area with slabs of concrete and shards of glass. Bomb experts estimate 225 kilogrammes of explo-

sion left a 10-font (3-metre) University officials called Mr. Babaar's statement irresponsible and denied the school or its students were

sives was used. The explo-

involved in the attack This is an international school with a good reputanon, there are no such elements at this university," spokesman Khurshid Ahmad told the Associated Press.

"The students are outraged at the remarks," Mr. Ahmed said. Scores of students staged

demonstration outside Pakistan's parliament to protest Mr. Bahaar's comments. Mr. Babaar's Interior

Ministry, which is beading the investigation into Sunday's bombing, launched a sweeping manhunt for the suspects linked to that attack.

Police in the eastern city of Lahore and the southern port city of Karachi Monday detained at least 12

50 million girls 'missing' from Indian population — UNICEF

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Forty to 50 million girls are "missing" from the Indian population due to selective abortion and higher infant mortality rates, according to a report by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

"In all but a few countries of the world, there are typically 105 women for every 100 men," the report said. "India is one of the few countries where there are fewer women than men: Only 93 women for every 100 men."

"Missing girls reflect the unequal treatment that girls receive compared to boys," the report said.

. "Whereas earlier, families gladly accept-

ed a girl or boy born to them, a traditionally strong son preference combined with the mounting pressures of modern society has contributed to the phenomenon of female infanticide," it said.

"Even though biologically speaking, the probability of girl children surviving is greater than that of boys, in India, the situation is the opposite," the report said.

"A significant number of girls are not alive ... either through selective abortion following sex-determination in pregnancy ... or because of inadequate attention following their delivery," it said.

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A 13-member team of gfang Bear Park hospital said Monday night ee million yush Mr. Papandreou was suffer-)) on three years ing from a type of pneumoreb and experi hia and that it could take breed black bear days to cure the infection in i survive on their his left lung.

"With an infection like

gory Skalkeas, the Onassis Hospital vice-president told

Mr. Papandreou, 76, wbo underwent open-heart surgery in September 1988. was rushed to hospital Monday with breathing probdoctors at Athens' top heart lems and government officials then said he was suffering from a severe case of

Government spokesman Telemachos Hitiris said Mr. Papandreou's condition was "reassuring" and that there this there is no time limit. It were no plans to appoint a Surgery Centre by a group

pital.

But the news that Mr. Papandreou was ill sent shivers through the Athens Bourse, which fell 2.04 per cent Monday to close at 876.17 points.

Uncertainty was also evident within his Panhellenic Socialist Party (Pasok) after the executive bureau decided late Monday to postpone indefinitely a central committee meeting scheduled for this weekend.

The premier was being

treated at the Onassis Heart

40, who rushed to hospital with him, spent the night by his side. Three of his four children spent most of the night at the hospital. Mr. Papandreou's sudden

Dimitris Kremastinos.

illness came hours before he was to preside over a meeting of the Pasok parliamentary group, where he was expected to hear complaints from his deputies over Ms. Liani's political ambitions.

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Signals of hope

DAMASCUS IS husy sending one signal after the other to Washington and Israel that it is ready to resume peace talks and that it has faith in Prime Minister Shimon Peres as a peace partner: The official daily Tishreen has recently depicted Mr. Peres as a man free from the pressure of Jewish hardliners and extremists. Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq Al Sharaa has described Mr. Peres as "a man who wants peace." Peres, Mr. Sharaa has said, was different from the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin because he considers peace more important than elections. This is the farthest that Damascus has ever gone to endorse an Israeli leader and express its readiness to work with him. The U.S. decision to send Dennis Ross, the special Middle East peace coordinator, to the region soon after his visit to Israel earlier this week suggests that an opportunity exists to reactivate the stalled peace negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Tishreen's assertion that Syria's commitment for peace is a strategic one triggered a fresh flurry of political activity on the Syrian front. Coupled with the Syrian government's new message to the U.S. that it wants to speed up negotiations on the basis of optimistic expectations from the new Israeli prime minister, the stage has become set for a new round of peace talks that could prove fruitful. Mr. Peres is obviously keen ou accelerating these talks in a bid to strengthen his grip ou power and to put the process on an irreversable path. With national elections uot far from the horizon, the Israeli prime minister must deliver on his promise to his people that he will attain for them comprehensive peace within a reasonable time and by so doing secure them with safe borders and a better quality of life. Israel would be the first to recognise that peace in the Middle East would remain elusive as long as Damascus is kept out of it. What started with Egypt cannot possibly end without Syria. Mr. Sharaa has said on record that his country would play its role to "persuade" Lebanese guerrillas to lay down their arms after peace is signed with Israel. This promise must be assuring for Israeli policymakers who would like nothing more than a safe northern border.

In actual terms, Syria and Israel were not too far apart even when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was still in office. The sticking point then was over security arrangements that would have included an Israeli early warning station situated on Syrian territory, something that President Hafez Assad would not accept. Mr. Peres is expected to be bolder in the quest for peace with Syria and Lebanon as he seems to be liberated from the constraints of irrational Jewish extremists in the aftermath of the assassination of Mr. Rabin. There is nothing that could please peaceloving people more than to see a real movement on the Syrian-Israeli front. The hands of the forces of peace everywhere would be strengthened a great deal once the Israeli Syrian track starts moving ahead.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A WRITER in Al Ra'i Tuesday attacked those Muslim radicals who opt for killing innocent people in order to achieve their goals and singled out the radicals of Egypt, Algeria and Afghanistan as examples for groups that carry out atrocities in order to take control of those countries. Hosni Avesh said that all the killing, the carbomb blasts and the assassinations are alien to the teachings of Islam and the perpetrators are criminals and terrorists not martyrs or heroes. Islam never taught people to kill hut to be tolerant and resort for reason and dialogue. The Islamist groups that use violence and killing to achieve their ends are violating the Islamic faith and doing Muslims a great deal of harm. Their actions are tarnishing Muslims and Islam, said the writer. In the eyes of non-Muslims Islam is ow Muslims behave and what they do, and so we cannot

cuse the West of misinterpreting Islam when we rselves are distorting its image and abusing our own h, continued the writer. If these Islamists assume power ough their actions, through blowing up hospitals and nools and murdering innocent civilians like nuns and school children they must expect that others would pay them in the same coin.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour daily discussed investments io the country and said business people are attracted to invest in Jordan once they find the right opportune elimate to do so. Eccouraging investments is not achieved through mere legislations and laws but rather through creating the right climate characterised by flexibility and the removal of all obstacles before investors, said Mobammad Kawash. The writer said that he had found that Jordanian business people have invested in 106 projects in Egypt, noting that all these projects are successful thanks to their management and the highly condocive climate in which they operate and the facilities they receive. The writer said if the Arab governments wish to see Arab capital invested in the Arab World they ought to pave the way for such investments not by words and intentions alone but rather by deeds. Efforts should be made towards finding new techniques to help attract investments rather than mere praising of the investment-promotion legislations and rules, otherwise Jordan will continue to see a drain of funds



Algeria after the vote

By G.H. Jansen

ON NOV. 16 the Algerian people went to the polls to elect their president despite threats by the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) and the Armed Islamic Groups (GIA), which ordered the people not to vote and threatened to kill them if they did. "The ballot box will be your coffin", was one threat, Yet 75 per cent of the electorate went to the polls and stood patiently in long queues waiting for their turns.

That mass disobedience was a momentous event. Indeed, some might eveo say that elections were the first sign of the turning of the popular tide against militant political Islam, which had seemed to be making irresistible advances in many Muslim countries against corrupt authoritarian governments.

It was democracy, with considerable help from the GIA, which defeated militant political Islam in Algeria, and this could be a pressage of and an example for what could happen in other Muslim countries.

FIS and the GIA spokesmen go on and on endlessly about how in 1991 the military junta, which still rules Algeria, "robbed" them of victory by cancelling that year's parliamentary election, which the FIS was bound to win and which then led directly to four years of bloody civil war. The GIA and the FIS, cooveniently, do not mention that only 40 per cent of the electorate went to the polls then and of that 40 per cent, only 40 per cent voted for the Islamists

But the 1991 elections were four years ago and the fact is that in November 1995, the Algerian people were quite ready to forget and forgive the army its act of usurpation and obeyed the army's call to go out and

And that was because of

the way in which the Islamists, especially the GIA, behaved or misbehaved in the civil war: The GIA's behaviour was cruel and hrut-

al in the extreme. The GIA went so far that the average Muslim, even though he or she might have been a devout Muslim, decided not to have any part in this harbar-

And how is the menace of Islamist militancy to be fought? Not through repression, which has failed wherever it has been tried. The Algerian army has heen doing something worse. It has spawned a group of officers and men, "les eradicateurs," who "fighting fire with fire", believe the only way to eliminate the militants is by using the same brutal tactics. This can only have very limited

tactical results. The better and longer lasting tactic than repression is cooption: To draw the militants out and get political and social process and when that is done to make them responsible for practical governance. General Liamine Zeroual, the incumbent president who won the elections handsomely and who does not favour the eradicateurs, practiced cooption by getting some Islamist groups to take part in the last elec-

them to participate in the

All these tactics were laid out in a remarkable book published by the Rand Corporation, the U.S. think tank, "The Sense of Siege", by Graham Fuller and Ian Lesser, which gives credit to Jordan for already having shown the way by using the tactics of cooption and responsibility in dealing with Muslim Brotherhood. The Muslim Brothers were permitted to take part in the general elections of The Brothers were then for a short period. given responsibility for no

portfolios. If and when Mr. Zeroual brings Islamists into government, he would then place on them the burden of responsibility. To succeed in the oppor-

tunity now offered him, President Zeroual, after using cooption and responsihility, must keep the promises he has made and hold to ideas he has said to have held before the elections: That he should deal with both the zealots and the eradicateurs and that there should be all round dialogue. And he should hold elections, both general and municipal, and the populace must be strongly urged to get out and vote. But for the FIS to work itself back into general acceptability, it will have to disconnect itself from the GIA, a process which has probably begun already, now that the Algerians have broken the spell of paralysing fear that the men of the GIA had cast on



High noon-thirty

THE MIDDLE East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit was a most significant event in the history of Jordan, in that it symbolised a new and realistic orientation. A country like Jordan, limited in its area and oatural resources, and, by consequeoce, in the populatioo size that it can support, will only thrive by virtue of the role that it plays in its immediate regioo and in the world at large. This realisation is not new to the Jordaian leadership that bas always tried to pilot the country along a constructive path in the turbulent waters of Middle East politics. The novelty lies in the new opportunity offered by the MENA summit for the people (represented by the private sector) to chip in and do their bit, and to

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benefit to the process. The summit has achieved its objective of impressing potential investors. Enough participants in the conference left Jordan satisfied that this is a good place for them to invest their money. So far so good. Now the problem is to live up to capitalise on this gain. The order of the day, we all agree, is to make the couotry investor-friendly by eradicating the barriers that obstruct business. I would like to fulfil my duty as a good citizen by suggesting one way of achieving

this objective. After coostderable reflection it would appear that one of the main obstacles to overcome is that of the magical hour, half pas twelve. For some inexplicable reason, this hour has been designated as the end of all monetary transactions in Jordanian banks and civil service departments. So how will foreign investors be able to transfer their moneys into the country when the banks offer them no more than four hours of banking a day? Whether your transaction consists of a simple eurrent aecount entry, or a multi-million international letter of credit, eustomer interface will stop at half past twelve. One wonders if this is compatible with Jordan's objective of leading into the twenty-first ceotury as a prosperous ceotre for regional and

Moreover, someone should explain to our bureaucracy that keeping businessmen in the country means lettiog them work in the country, not keeping them ebasing papers io government offices. The complicated bureaucratic procedures are a byword in this country. But the ultimate perversity is that one always has to pay his fees in sev eral instalments, punctuated by rounds of rubber stamp and signature collection. The ultimate in frustration is to complete one's work, except for a payment of 100 Fils which would have to be dooe the following day since the cashier's office has closed.

I wish someone could explain to me what is so special about twelve o'clock. Gary Cooper met the Miller gang at high noon. In the fairy tale, the Fairy Godmother spoiled poor Cinderella's party by turning her coach into a pumpkin and her coach driver into a rat at the stroke of twelve. By the same token, and as if by the work of the same Fairy Godmother, cashier's offices in every bank and civil service department in Jordan close at half past twelve, and, ironically, many tillers turn into taxi

Walesa's defeat marks end of era in Poland

By Michel Viatteau Agence France Presse

WARSAW - Lech Walesa's defeat in the presidential elections marks the end of an era in Poland, where for a quarter century his name has been synonymous with the fight for freedom and democracy.

The stocky electrician whose rose to fame from the grimy shipyards of Gdansk in the 1970s was outpaced by an orbane 41year-old ex-communist who plays tennis in bis leisure time and enjoys speaking English to reporters.

Observers attributed Mr. Walesa's defeat partly to the fact that he was no looger in tune with the hopes and aspirations of ordinary Poles and partly to his manipulative, authoritarian leadership style — a far cry from bis days as a work-er's hero who mobilised sbipyard workers against communism.

Walesa wanted to frighten the Poles, even if he promised a normal life. Aleksander Kwasniewski was efficient, oormal, professional. But his election means that the future becomes a big unknown. Which allies will Kwasniewski look for?", commented bistorian Adam Michnik in ao editorial

Mr. Michnik, wbo backed Mr. Walesa, also said that voters were weary of in-fighting among top political leaders, Solidarity's rhetoric, as well as the church's aggressive stance against the former com-

But it seemed clear that for most Poles, Mr. Walesa's defeat had more significance than Mr. Kwasniewski's victory.

"It is more Walesa who has lost than Kwasniewski who has won," said historian Bronislaw Geremek of the main opposition Union for Liberty.

Speaking oo private Radio Zet, Mr. Geremek said Mr. Walesa suffered from an "erosion of authority," mainly because of his authoritarin style and attempts to "manipulate the right." Mr. Walesa's defeat was

also a bitter blow for the Catbolic Church, as the new president-elect has openly opposed the church's influence in Poland and has said he wants to overturn the abortion

Church leaders repeatedly binted during the electoral campaign that it would be dangerous to have as president a man who was in open conflict with the church.

less than five ministerial

In overwhelmingly Catholie Poland, where 95 per cent of the population is Catholic, such a warning should have wiped out Mr. Kwasniewski's chances.

But his ratings continued to rise, and Polish primate Cardinal Jozef Glemp stepped in over the weekend by calling for prayers for Mr. Walesa at Saturday night and Sunday morning mass. Some electoral commit-

tees in districts of southern Silesia protested, saying the iniunction violated the preelectoral silence which the law requires 36 hours prior to the day of the vote. Some practising Catholics simply decided that the

church had gone too far. "I walked out of the church in the middle of mass when the priest asked us to vote for Walesa. I am

a believer, but I think that the current president gives too much power to the clergy," said a female student of Kielce, to central Poland

But Mr. Walesa's defeat is hy no means the end of his political career. Mr. Kwasniewski, well

aware of Mr. Walesa's potential clout in the opposition camp, appealed Sunday to his rival's supporters to work together.

There is a lot of room in Poland. A lot of work. We have a lot of problems to resolve," said the excommunist leader.

"We must seize the opportunity to join European structures. These works can only be carried out together. By the voters of Lech Walesa, by the voters of Aleksander Kwasniewski, and by those who did oot take part in the

under way in Dayton.

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Independent experts and

Planners must consider the plight of Balkans' displaced

By Arthur C. Helton

NEW YORK - As diplomatic efforts proceed towards possible settlement of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, a key issue has emerger in the talks between the parties arrangements for the nearly 4 million people displaced by the war.

This vast homeless population, spread from Stockholm to Belgrade, is composed of people in a wide variety of circumstances, including victims of brutality by erstwhile neighbours, members of mixed families unable to return to "ethnically pure" territories and evaders of military service in a war they regard as immoral.

The sometimes optimistic tenor of the negotiations is belied by the reality on the ground. Not only bave people been ousted from their homes, but recent reports of mass murder and brutality have permeated the media. Can the international community realistically ask these victims of massacres and atrocities to return and live together? Ask a young Serbian woman violently expelled from her home by Muslim-Croatian forces if she woold be able to live in peace with Muslims and Croats.

Ask a Muslim boy who watched his brother killed by Serbian soldiers if he would play ball with Ser-bian children. As high-level political discussions take lace far from the killing fields, the eyes of the traumatised seem to tell a different story.

The fact that refugees are central consideration in the negotiations is. of course, not sorprising; a basic objective of the war was to cause displacement to create ethnically "pure" iorisdictions. Repatriation under these circumstances will necessarily present complex political issues and could establish important precedents for international action in the future.

In September, representatives of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia negotiated a set "agreed basic principles," recognising the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska. These new entities agreed "to adopt and adhere to normal international buman rights standards, including the obligation to allow freedom of movement and enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation." The parties have agreed to establish intergovernmental commis-

sions for displaced persons

and refugees, as well as a

human rights commission.

ments. In the implementation of

repatriation plan, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is to take the lead. Insists "the voluntary nature of return must be fully respected" and is committed to monitoring the situation of returnees "both in the majority

and minority areas. But genuine individual choice may be difficult to exercise in the face of political imperatives. Also, for some, repatriation may be infeasible — for example. for people in mixed marriages and for those who have been persecuted atrociously. In such cases, thirdcountry resettlement and local integration schemes

will be necessary. Ominously, UNHCR acknowledges the likelihood of "further population displacements in the immediate phase." These fears are well-founded.-Recently, there have been several reports of coerced movements as the parties to the conflict urge selective resettlement to strengthen their political positions when the final maps are drawn

In September, the UNHCR protested to the Croatian and Bosnian governments about the forced return of refugees to Bosnia and Herzegovina, in violation of international refugee treaties. Also in

September, Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs, ordered displaced Scrbs to leave Bania Luka and resettle in designated municipalities or face losing accommodation. food and health care.

Repatriation should not be promoted as a solution for refugees and displaced persons until the basic dignity and security of individuals are respected. Specifically, the conflict should have ahated and attendant risks, such as land mines. should have been minimised. In even more elemental

terms, respect for human rights and the right to freely choose a place of residence are paramount preconditions to encouraging return. Objective information sources must be established to enable prospective returnees to make informed decisions. Effective confidence-building measures will be crucial to overcoming fear, suspicion and hatred.

As the UNHCR states in its preliminary plan, repat-riation "should be a joint effort of all capable organisations - the U.N. system, regional organisations. international financial institutions, nongovernmental organisations-

- and bilateral donors." Crucial implementation

flee must lead to systematic respect for human rights and encouragement of the evolution of open societies. An extraordinary effort will be required to realise the perhaps now-distant dream of the multiethnic Bosnian and Herzegovina.

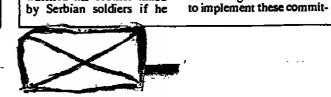
The writer, director of migration programmes at the Open Society Institute. contributed this comment details are being discussed to the International Herald at the "proximity talks" Tribune.

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Prime minister pledges to rectify associations' situation

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The prime minister. Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, has described the attitude of "peace opponents" in a tecent interview as "unjust and unfair"

Khaled Saced said that the silent majority has chosen to march hehind the wise Hashemite leadership and to join the camp of peace, the camp of affection and

Bosnian factions seal historic peace deal

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to the U.N. indicated that the resolutions would be offered with an eye toward passage Wednesday. The Security Council was scheduled to meet on the proposals begin-ning at 2100 GMT Tuesday. U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali thanked Mr. Clinton followto the Jordane ing his announcement, and asked the world to recognise p that has alway the role played by U.N. pilot the count peacekeepers, who he said constructive part helped "contain" the con-

"I want to thank President Clinton of the United States for the peace initiative he undertook which brought the contending parties to the negotiating table." Dr. Boutros-Ghali said in a state-

In Brussels NATO hailed the Bosnia peace agreement and said it was ready to send in a planned 60,000-strong force to help implement the agreement.

We welcome the announcement of the peace deal which offers the oppor-) invest their tunity to obtain a just and lasting peace in the former problem is to in: Yugoslavia." an alliance apitalise on the spokesman said.

He added: "NATO is teady to apply the military aspects of the peace deal accurding to the terms of an appropriate resolution voted the U.N. Security Coun-

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more than 100,000 people including some 40,000 soldiers will take part in the bid to implement the peace deal negotiated in the United

States, a diplomat said. The United Nations needs to ratify the agreements and allow in the same resolution or in a separate one for NATO to implement the

accords. The North Atlantic Cooperation Council (NACC) — NATO's highest decisionmaking hody - must approve the military plan and urder the start of the operation so that the first troops ean be deployed.

In Madrid, European Union (EU) President Spain pledged the 15-nation would do all in its power tu help translate into reality the accord reached at Dayton.

"The (EU) presidency reiterates the EU's will to contribute to the imple-mentation of the civilian aspects of the peace aeeord and to participate in international efforts to back the reconstruction and stabilisation of the region," it said in a

The European Union and its member states will contribute in a substantial way in the same spirit as they have carried out their peacekeeping and humanitarian operations," it said.

The statement, issued in the names of European Commission President Jacques Santer and External Affairs Commissioner Hans Van Den Brock welcomed the

"It puts an end to incredible suffering of all the peo-ples involved in the conflict," it said.

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"And above all we have to avoid widening the large differences among the people." But he acknowledged that iven more time he would have been able to broaden the slim coalition hase which under Mr. Rabin counted on the support of 63 deputies in the Knesset.

Environment Minister Yossi Saird, a Meretz member, said the earlier dispute centred on "unacceptable" promises made to religious

He has presented us with a document which is unacceptable on the commitments made by Labour to the national religius party, which they have signed and which cast doubt on our participation in the coalition." he said before the Peres announce-

Moshe Shahal, 61.

Peres announces cabinet he was not being promoted. He was finally appointed minister of internal security. widening his responsibilities. But state radio said Mr. Shahal would not have control of the Shin Beth internal security services.

And in a move to overcome the left-right rift be-tween Israelis, Mr. Peres appointed settler Rabbi Yehuda Amital as a minister without portfolio to lead contacts with religious leaders and settlers.

Cochran, O. J.'s defence "My role will be to show lawyer, or Ms. Clark? that all religious people are For all the best efforts of not extremists or supporters Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich to focus national of Kahane," he said, referring to the anti-Arab Rahbi attention on the budget, it Meir Kahane killed in New is these and other questions York in 1990. that continue to agitate the

Rabbi Amital, 71, heads Meimad, a moderate religious movement set up in 1988 and which supports the idea of making territorial concessions in exchange for

peace.
The rest of the Labour threatened to resign because cabinet remained unchanged.

There had also been a dewben Police Minister

Rights group urges ban

on arms sales to Turkey (Continued from page 1)

issue, coincided with acusauons by Turkish President Sulciman Demirel that Syria was aiding and harbouring what he called anti-Turkey territorists - a clear reference to the PKK.

On Monday, Mr. Demirel was quoted by London-hased Arabic daily Al Hayat as saying Ankara tried to reach agreement with Damascus over the issue but failed, adding "the problem of terrorism in our country is that Syria supports it and gives it

But PKK chief Abdullah Ocalan told Al Hayat in an interview published also Monday that the PKK had no formal relations with Syria hut that Damascus "does not make us enemies... and it wants to consolidate Iriendship with the Kurdish

Thousands of PKK guerril. las have trained in mountian camps in eastern Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekan valley near the Syrian border until 1992 when the Lehanese government shut down the

More than 18,000 people have been killed in the PKK's fight for self-rule in southeast Turkey since 1984. The Turkish government has spurned seeking a political solution and is intent on defeating the PKK militarily.

12 killed in Baghdad blast — opposition

DUBAI (AFP) - Twelve people were killed and 20 wounded in a car-bomb attack in central Baghdad on offices of the ruling Baath Party last week, the opposition said Tuesday. A spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress, a coalition of opposition groups, told AFP by telephone from London that the building which bouses the Baath offices was destroyed in the attack last Thursday. But residents of the Iraqi capital, questioned by AFP, said they heard no such explosion on the day.

Euro-Med meeting aims for peace in place of strife

By Jeremy Lovell

BRUSSELS — The European Union (EU) and a host of Mediterrangan states meet this month to try to find common ground on which to build defences against violence, racism und instability.

The task facing the foregn ministers from the 15 EU states and 12 non-EU Mediterranean countries taking part in the meeting in Barcelona on Nov. 27 and 28 is garganiuan.

Algeria has been waging hloody civil war with Islamic fundamentalists for four years and Israeli Prime Minister Yıtzhak Rabin --a major force in the Middle East peace process — has been assassinated by n fellow Jew

Egypt is facing increasing fundamentalist tension and even Saudi Arabia, a keeper of Islam's main shrines and whose amhassador will attend the Barcelinia conference as an observer, has suffered a car bomh attack

in the centre of its capital. Against this backdrup, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt. Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malla, Morneco, the Palestinian autonomous territories, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey will sit down with the EU tu agree a

broad policy of political and

economic cooperation, The Barcelona declaration pledges to fight terrorism. prevent the proliferation of weapons off mass destruction, respect motual horders, prumute human rights and religious tolerance, combat organised erime and drugs tratfieking. and ereate a Euro-

area by 2010. "Fighting drugs, terrorism. fundamentalism, and protecting the environment eannnt he dealt with bilaterally, they have to be treated globally." a Brussels-based Tunisian di-

Mediterranean free trade

plomat told Reuters. "Barcelona will not just be positive. It will be a success because we are going there with a spirit of complementarity not conftontation. Barcelona is an idea whose time is tipe."

The Eutopean Union. which already has or is in the process of negotiating bilateral trade deals with most of the Barcelona participants, is of the same opin-

ion.
"The conference does not take the place of the hilateral relationships between the EU and its Mediterranean partners. but will give them added value with the aim of agreeing on priorities on a multilateral tevel," it said in eovernote to the draft declaration

The EU already has asso-

ciation accords with Tunisia, Israel and Morocco. It aims to conclude one with Jordan by mid-1996 and Egypt by the end of next

It has opened talks with Lebanon, is in preliminary discussions with Algeria and has said it will start negotiating with Syria and the Palestine authority

when the time is ripe.
European Parliament willing, the EU will have a

- the nnly NATO-member of the 12 - in January and has agreed a timetable for starting formal talks with Cyprus and Malta on join-

ing the bloc. The EU has also promised to distribute 4.6 billion currency units (\$6 billion) in development and intrasfructure aid around the region over the next five vears.

With all that already under its belt, the EU is now aiming to put its mouth where its money is.

"We need to develop a broad, integrated approach both economically and politically. We need to tackle intolerance, terrorism. drugs and instability." Manual Marin, the European commissioner responsible for the region, said earlier this year.

"We must not repeat the errors of the past," he said. France, suffering from a rash of bomb attacks attributed to Algerian Islamic fundamentalists, will be particularly interested in

the outcome and follow-up

If the recent marathon negotiations between the EÜ and Morocco leading to agreement on an association accord are anything to go by, many EU members will be equally interested in the question of immigration

from the south. Germany, the Nether-lands and Belgium led the demands that Morocco take back its illegal immigrants.

But they were not the only countries to voice concern that their relative wealth was proving too much of a lure to their poorer southern neighbours, with consequent socially and economically disruptive effects at home.
We know very well that

the only way we have of controlling intolerance and immigration in order to maintain political stability in the south of Europe is economic cooperation. issioner Marin said.

The choice of Barcelona as the conference venue is

The ancient city is a major Mediterranean port and

commercial centre that in its history has been occupied by Romans, Visigoths, Moors and Franks. It is, as such, a melting pot for the array of cultures attending the conference.

"Barcelona is at the same time symbolic and the taunch of a process," one Middle Eastern diplomat said. "We will continue to meet periodically at foreign ministers level to review progress and give new im-petus where needed."

Apart from the 27 countries that will sign the Barcelona deelaration, Mauritania, the Arab League and the Arah Maghreb Union will also attend as special

Hovering on the fringes of the event will be ambassadors from the United States, Russia, Slovenia, Albania, the Czech Repub-lic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Saudi Arabia.

Security in the Catalan city is likely to be a night-



Close encounter; Prosecution and defence lawyers crowd together during the O.J. trial. From left: Johnnie Cochran, Marcia Clark, Robert Shapiro and Christopher Darden

After O. J., the cash still goes round and round

Trial of the century: The main player now cuts a sorry figure but the supporting cast is wheeling and

dealing with a vengeance

"seeing" Anita Hill? Will O. J.'s girlfriend, Paula and Mr. Darden were seen Barbieri, have him back? on holiday together at the Lake Tahoe resort a few Will any woman take him? Who scored the higger days after the trial. They hook deal: Johnnie were photographed coming out of a Los Angeles hotel. So they might have been involved. But sadly, no, they are not getting mar-ried. Ms. Clark said during a speech at a women's California, on Tuesday that she "burst out laughing" when she read the report in a

celehrity-mad public.
"Juicewatch," the tabloid
soap opera, just runs and supermarket tahloid. But, yes, according to sources at the William Mor-Some of the questions ris talent agency, their have been answered. Some client Mr. Darden is engagstill linger, as unresolved as ing in consenting sex with the murders of Nicole Antia Hill, a law professor from Oklahoma who leapt

to fame a few years back when she accused Clarence Thomas, the Supreme Court judge, of sexual harassment. William Morris have an interest in perpetuating the Darden mystique, for they helped him sign a publishing deal worth \$1.3 million with Harper-Collins: a nice sum but \$2.9 million less than Ms. Clark secured from Viking for her

Mr. Cocbran has also signed up for a book: My Journey to Justice. He bas obtained "a very substantial multi-million dollar deal." But his refusal to specify just how much he is getting suggests he is miffed at Ms.

Clark for having lost the legal battle hut winning the Battle of the Books. Alan Dershowitz, another lawyer of the Simpson "Dream Team," is picking up a mere \$500,000 for Reasonable Doubts, a book he says will be of an academic bent.

O.J., meanwhile, is cut-

ting a rather sorry figure. He has been kicked out of his favourite golf club; he has been dumped by his agency, Creative Managements; he continues to be bombarded with deaththreats; he still faces ruin in pending "wrongful death" civil suits brought by the Brown and Goldman families; no one has yet made

him an offer to write a new book; and last weekend he endured the ignominy of being told to stay away from a sports memorabilia convention in Atlantie City: he had been hoping to sell autographed photographs, at \$159.95, of the highway pursuit that preceded his arrest in June 1994.

The word is that O. J. spends most of his time at his Los Angeles home doing nothing — and alone. Ms. Barbieri, a 28-year-old Playhoy and underwear model, dumped him live on ABC television a couple of weeks back. She said she had stayed celibate during O. J.'s imprisonment but was disappointed in her hopes that he would return a better person. What did it, she said, was his proposal that they should sell photographs of their reunion to the highest tabloid

"It was all of a sudden 'Well, they'll play lots of money for pietures of you and I together'," Ms. Bar-hieri told ABC. "And then the next thing I know he's coming. And he's got the

photographer with him." In case anyone has failed to get the moral of the O. J. story, that money in America is everything, here's the quote of the year from Ms.

Barhieri's brother Michael. Angry that his father and half-brother were paid to appear on television but that be had missed out, he told People magazine when they refused to cough up for an interview: I'm not going to stah my sister in the back for nothing."

The Independent

Uneasy peace lights Clinton's path to Belfast

By Martin Cowley

land Goldman. Ms. Clark

By John Carlin

ARE MARCIA Clark and

Christopher Darden, the

black and white prosecutors

in the O. J. Simpson trial,

having an affair? Will they

walk down the aisle

together? Or is Darden

BELFAST — Belfast's Europa was once known as the most bombed hotel in Western Europe. Now it's fit for a U.S. president,

Bill Clinton flies in on Nov. 30 for an historic trip to boost hopes of agreement on the future of British Northern Ireland, currently undergoing an uneasy transition to peace after 25 years of political and sectarian conflict.

Shadowed by an army of bodyguards, Mr. Clinton will walk streets that were once a war zone. Security is still so tight

that no one is saying where be might spend the night the first U.S. president to dare to do so for decades but most people think it will be the Europa. Until guerrilla truces 15

months ago, Northern Ireland had been in a nosedive. Irisb Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas attacked British troops to end British rule and bombed targets with the vaguest links to London. Killings and fear

abounded. Protestant gunmen killed ordinary Catholies to cow the community from which the IRA drew support. Catholies feared the unexpected knock at the door.

Shops, offices and restaurants were blitzed. Security bases faced nightly gun and bomb attacks. Armed police walked the streets shadowed by military bodyguards and vehi-

In the staunchly Republi-can Falls road, Catholics renamed a street "RPG Avenue" after the fRA's rocket propelled grenades. Security forces trod warily around "Claymore Corner," named after a land mine. But for 15 months, the guns have been silent.

Rival extremists stashed

them and declared cease-

fires hoping to be given a voice in round-table talks. For the first time in 25 years, British soldiers no longer patrol nationalist areas where Catholics despised them as an oppressive colonial force. Police officers patrol without heavy ealibre guns or hullet-proof vests.

Inconceivable before the truces. U.S. security advisers consider it safe for Mr. Clinton to spend the night in the city centre.

A long chapter of vio-

lence has closed but no one can be sure whether the book is fully closed. A dark era of funerals and bitterness gave the province a deathly sinister image

Car bombs, military

checkpoints and security

searches deterred shoppers from Belfast city centre. The province's hotel trade suffered. The only visitors staying midweek were those who couldn't get

a flight out.

Two years ago an fRA car bomb ripped through the 13-storey hotel, devastated the Ornate grand opera house nearby and wrecked the offices of the pro-British Ulster Unionist

For the 30th time in 25

years, the Europa was windowless and damaged cars littered its forecourt. Six months later new owners, the Hastings Hotel paid £3 million

(\$4.68 million) for it and set

about ploughing £4 million (\$6.24 million) more into redesign and refurbishment. The peace process did the rest.

Property analysts estimate the Europa is worth some £16.0 million (\$24.95 million) now. Midweek trade is largely British, American and European. Weekends hring

a big inflow of people from the Irish Republic, coming on shopping and social trips, in stark contrast with the past when cross-border leisure traffic shunned the

Belfast is now in its second "peacetime" Christmas shopping period and traders say business is

booming. The IRA declared a cessation of bostilities in September 1994 and its foes in pro-British "Loyalist" bands proclaimed a matching truce six week later.

The change is "fantas-

tic," according to John

Stringer, chief executive of the Belfast-based Northern freland Chamber of Com-"One of the most benefi-

cial points for ordinary peo-

of confidence and the ability to move around any part of the country without fear," he told Reuters.

The lifting of city centre restrictions and shopentrance security checks has had a huge impact in Belfast and elsewhere.

"There is a tremendous increase in activity," Mr. Stringer said.

In north Belfast, where one-fifth of the conflict's 3,200 deaths occurred, people eling to hopes that peace is permanent.

Sluggish progress towards negotiations fuels alienation among Catholics who want an end to British rule. Protestant frustration grows at British refusal to free all jailed guerrillas.

The largely Protestant Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) police force encounters stiff resistance from supporters of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, who say it was a beavy-banded associate of the military during the long guerrilla

RUC officers insist that they now operate in a better positive contact with Catholics: They no longer face guerrilla violence and the threat of ambushes.

RUC ehief inspector Roy Dunn explained: "We are concentrating very bard on improving the quality of service we provide to the community.... Calls to the police for assistance have ncreased 60 per cent within the past year."

The slow return to normality, that bas somehow survived a tortuous twisting political trail, is the spark lighting the path for Mr. Clinton's arrival.

A special bond exists between freland and the U.S., where more than 40 million classify themselves as Irish-American, but all involved in the Northern Ireland trauma urge Mr. Clinton not to be partisan in efforts to narrow the gap between the factions.

In the background, though, all sides are vying to get him on their side. seeing him as a "facilitator" who can influence final accord to end Europe's longest guerrilla conflict.

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Saudis say oil price too low as **OPEC** meets

Arabia's Oil and Mineral Resources Minister Ali Naimi said here Tuesday that crude oil prices on world markets ought to be "higher."

He made the remark as Venezuela's Erwin Arrieta. outgoing president of the 12nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). said non-OPEC producers had "unduly abused" efforts by OPEC to stabilise the market.

Sheikh Naimi's comment came as OPEC ministers were faced with the dilemma of how to support prices against a background of rising non-OPEC crude oil output and substantial overshooting of national quotas by several OPEC members.

Mr. Arrieta warned in his opening address that a se-"imbalance" in the market carried a "potential risk of a dangerous price war" which could have "devastaring effects" on oil producers economies and threaten the security of supply of consumer nations.

He said "the continued. substantial rise in non-OPEC production," which had dominated the market in recent months, reflected a "senous anomaly."

While OPEC's proven oil reserves were three times larger than non-OPEC reserves and "vastly more accessible and less expensive to exploit. forecasts for non-OPEC supply for 1995-96 had been revised upwards, and those of supply from OPEC re-duced." Mr. Arrieta said.

He said producers outside the organisation had taken advantage of OPEC's selfimposed curbs on output to "steadily erode our market While OPEC was produc-

tng below capacity, other producers were "stretching their capacity to the limit." Mr. Arrieta warned that this situation involved "dangers in the longer term"-because "unchecked increases in non-OPEC supply are depriving OPEC countries of vital funds required for investment in new capacity needed to meet world demand in a few years.

This could put the world on course for "future supply crises" accompanied by "an escalation in prices and widespread instability in the markets, the Venezuelan

Ammar Makiloufi. Algeria's minister of industry and energy, who was elected to

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succeed Mr. Arrieta as OPEC president, told reporters before the ministers tackled their agenda that "improved prices and income are the joint objective of OPEC

and non-OPEC producers. In his opening speech, the Venezuelan minister called on both groups of producers to join hands to secure a 'more harmonious" development of oil markets and secure a sharing of advanced technology in the face of carbon-energy taxes considered by some countries.

Imposing such taxes could add to the threat of a future capacity crunch" while it had been demonstrated that oil was cleaner than coal, safer than nuclear and far less destructive to the environment than hydroelectrical energy. he argued.

Mr. Arrieta also said it was 'sad" that Gabon, which was not represented at the opening of the conference, had thought it necessary to "reconsider" its membership of

He said he remained "confident" that a solution could be found to keep Gabon as a member.

The ministers suspended their talks after a less than 90-minute session and the conference was to resume Wednesday at 0900 GMT.

Meanwhile, Norwegian Oil Minister Jens Stolfenberg gave no hint Tuesday that Norway would cut back its oil production in the North Sea.

'There is strong demand for oil all over the world and production will have to cope with this development," the minister said at the opening of the "Advanced Project" conference in Stavanger.

Moree than :200 participants from many countries were taking part in this con-

"In an increasing market. there must be room for increased production," Mr. Stoltenberg said, but he denied allegations that countries outside the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) are to increased production.

In 1984, the expected production in 1994 was put at 60 million tonnes oil equivalents, and this was upgraded in 1990 to be 100 million tonnes of oil equivalent. "The actual figure for 1994

showed that production reached 150 million tonnes. and we have to admit that world growth has heen very strong," the minister stres-

Aid for poorest states under threat, World Bank head says

have 78 countries literally on

the ropes," Mr. Wolfensohn

told journalists during a first

official visit to Bono for talks

with the German govern-

Germany is the third big-

est donor for the IDA, after

the United States and Japan

and it is also the third biggest

World Bank shareholder af-

Germany and Canada, the

sixth biggest contributor,

have already imposed limits

on use of their cootributions

for the current July 1993-

June 1996 funding period be-

cause of the U.S. move, and

there are fears future con-

The IDA lends money to

countries unable to afford the

market cost of credit. Loans

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over 35-40 years after a 10-

0.75 per cent service charge.

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About half of current IDA

funds are expected to go to

sob-Sahara African coun-

tries. Much of the rest is for

China, India, Bangladesh,

Major issues warning about

single currency

"How would Europe's in-

stitutions serve the interests

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adopted the single currency and those who didn't? What

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The prime minister,

however, stressed that Bri-

tain was keeping her options

open, and that the single

currency would affect the

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Mr. Major also said in his

speech that Britain must cut

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Bank President James Wolfensohn warned Tuesday of 'unthinkable" consequences if other donor countries follow the United States in slashing their contribution to the body's special lending arm for the world's poorest

Congress wants to cut the pledged U.S. contribution for the current three-year funding period of the International Development Association (IDA) from \$1.25 billion to around \$700 million, as a result of which other World Bank members were "trying to hold the IDA together, Mr. Wolfensohn said.

He said if other donor countries made cuts in the same proportions, this would reduce IDA funds to 78 recipient countries — home for two to three billion people — from \$6 billion to \$3.5 hillion

a year.
"If we cut the IDA in half, it would be an enormous blow to our activities," the World Bank president said. "It's a crisis.

This was a case where "the rest of the world has to lead itself" and not follow the

LONDON (AFP) - Prime

Minister John Major said Monday that the European

Union must consider in full

the implications of a single

currency, or risk the future

"The price of error would be too high for Europe, indi-

vidually and collectively. This

is something all of us, even

the most enthusiastic advo-

cates, need to consider," he

said in his annual Mansion

House speech before the

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Mr. Major pointed to a

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Pakistan and Nepal, with smaller amounts for Latin America, the Middle East smaller amounts for Latin and elsewhere. "Otherwise you're going to

Average income in eligible countries is under \$2 per day per head.

Over 30 IDA donor countries met in Luxembourg at the weekend and agreed the outlines of an arrangement to try to maintain their contribution levels in the hope that the United States would make op its shortfall later.

Mr. Wolfensohn said he hoped that Congress was on "an inward-looking cycle" which it would come out of again. "It's not just a financial problem, it's a structural problem, a leadership prob-lem," he said of the U.S. attitude.

According to German Economic Cooperation Minister Carl-Dieter Spranger, who gave a press hreakfast on the occasion of Wolfensohn's visit, U.S. contributions to the IDA are already io arrears by \$1.6 hillion.

Mr. Spranger made clear that, like most other donor countries, Germany was not prepared to make up the U.S. shortfall,

The aim of his government was to push public spending

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Asian central banks unite against speculators

SINGAPORE (AFP) -Asian central banks have closed ranks by signing pacts giving themselves more liquidity to extinguish speculative attacks on curreocies, but analysts said this may not deter assaults on vulnerable

The central hanks of Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand Monday forged an interlocking set of bilateral repurchase agreements, known as repos, to boost their ahility to intervene in the currency markets.

This followed a Singapore-Indonesia repo signing over the weekend. The Philippines hopes to pack up a similar deal with Hong Kong this month, and possibly with other Asian nations before the end of the year.

A repurchase agreement allows the owner of deht securities to borrow money by selling them to a buyer with a promise to buy them back at a fixed price.

This allows assets like U.S. treasury bills to be turned into dollars quickly, effectively giving central banks emergency reserves to thwart

"The agreements are a reflection that the central banks recognise the increasing volatility of the currency markets in emerging economies like Thailand and Indooesia," said Andy Tan, general manager and regional economist of investment house MMS International in Singapore.

The agreements followed speculative assaults this year on Asian currencies, notably the Indonesian rioggit and the Thai baht, triggered by the Mexicao peso crisis, which generated uncertainty over other emergiog-market curtencies. Mr. Tan said the Indone-

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sian and Thai currencies as well as the Malaysian ringgit could be open to attack because of widening current-account deficits, while the Hong Kong dollar could suffer from the "1997 effect." although it is pegged to the said. U.S. dollar and backed by

strong reserves. Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule in 1997 has triggered coocern about the territory's future political and economic stability.

Mr. Tan said repos will "help to a certain extent" but will not necessarily deter speculation against vulnerable currencies. "Such a possibility will always exist with or without a pact," he said.

"Ultimately the currency. has to reflect its true market value," Mr. Tan added.

A Japanese banker in Hong Kong doubted whether the repos would be effective against speculation but said the agreements "are better than nooe at all. Joseph Yam, chief execu-

tive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), said after Mooday's signing that the repos will allow the banks to quickenhance their foreign exchange reserves io "times of

He declined to give any amounts, saying "we don't want speculators to know our

For the moment, the ccords are limited only to U.S. treasury hills but may be expanded to include other assets, Mr. Yam said.

Malaysian dealers Monday said the move will help curb speculation in Asian currencies, particularly the rupiah and to a lesser extent the ringgit, from coming under pressure in the wake of their deteriorating balance of pay-

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The Malaysian central hank said the agreement could enhance mooetary cooperation in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which groups Brunei, Iodonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines. Singapore and Thailand.
"The ringgit in particular,

which has been under pressure due to our deteriorating current account balance, is unlikely to weaken too much with such support," the treasury manager of a foreign bank in Kuala Lumpur said.

Malaysia's current accountdeficit is expected to deterio-rate to 18.14 hillion ringgit (\$7.26 billion) this year from l hillion rioggit last year.

In Manila, the Central Bank of the Philippines said Tuesday that it would enter "shortly" into a repurchase agreements with five ASEAN ceotral banks to provide Manila with a \$2.5 billion fund to defend the peso against speculative

He gave no other details, but said the agreement was firmed on Monday during the signing in Hong Koog of repos between and among Aostralia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

"Governor Singson and his counterparts agreed that one way to improve cooperation among ceotral banks in dealing with volatile capital flows was the exchange of information and liquidity enhancement in the form of bilateral reporchase agreements between central banks," the statement said.

HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR WEDNES-

DAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1995

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GEMINI: (May 2I to June 21) Talk over with your associates some new interest you have in mind and gain their views. Show you are good dealing with others.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Your actions today can bring you a greater income in the days ahead, so think and act along monetary lines for you to be prosper-

LEO:(July 22 to August 21) You have vision and can easily see how you can be more successful in the days ahead, make better use of your special talents.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is a good day to garner the data you need so that you can get ahead faster in your career. Forget details for the time

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) A generous close friend who admires you can give backing you need to gain some cherished wish. Socialise in groups tonight.

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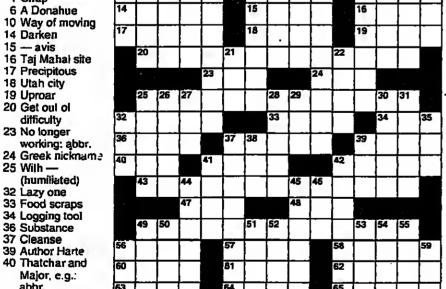
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influential person you know today and tonight, and become more successful, Reach policy agreements with associates. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Get conditions

around you today more as you want them to be. Add colour, music and art to your surroundings for there to be harmony at home.

Birthstone of November: Topaz Tiger's Eye

THE Daily Crossword by Kenneth Witte



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Their paid-up capital stood at \$31.6 billion in 1995 prices. with Saudi Arabia accounting for more than half.

ABU DHABI (AFP) -

Joint-stock institutions in six

Arab Gulf states have sharply

increased over the past de-

cade as more companies have

been set up to benefit from

government incentives for

the private sector, official fi-

gares have showed.

The figures, published in the 1995 corporate guide for the GCC, showed Saudi Arabia had 88 joint-stock banks and companies in 1995, with a capital of \$18.1 billion. Kuwait came second in terms of capital, which stood at \$5.8 billion for 41 joint-stock institutions.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) bas 76 institutions with a capital of \$3.4 billion while there are 75 units in Oman with a capital of \$675 million and 43 in Bahrain with \$2.16 hillion. Qatar's ioint-stock institutions stood at 29 with a capital of \$1.24 billion.

The institutions cover

estate, agriculture, industry. trade and services, the report showed.

It gave no figures about their market capitalisation but bankers estimated it at around \$80 billion at the end of 1994.

This compares with less than \$50 billion in 1990 and experts attributed the rise to a steady growth in share prices due to stronger performance by most trading institutions.

The report said 254 institutions trade their shares daily in the GCC bourses, where dealing averages around \$400 million a week.

"Dealing in the GCC stock markets has remained very small compared with world markets. This is because governments have a large shareholding in most trading institutions and theirs do not trade," a stockbroker said. "Another reason is that foreigners have a limited access to the markets."

Kuwait. Oman and Bahrain allow other citizens to own a limited percentage of the shares while the remaining members still bar foreign investment in their stock markets.

The first three members have official exchanges while Qatar and the UAE are in the process of setting up

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Arab Gulf states report rise in joint-stock firms

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Dealers said they expected the number of trading institutions to rise further in the coming years as governments are encouraging the private

sector to create more companies through the introduction of further incentives. This is part of reforms designed to offset the decline in

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A review of news from the Arabic press

Ministry gives additional financial aid to municipalities

☆☆ THE MINISTRY of Municiaplities and Rural Affairs and the Environment has de- Israel not yet ready cided to give JD 1.88 million in financial assistance to municipal councils and joint services councils in all the governorates. The minister said the amount will enable municipalities having budget deficits to continue providing services until 1996 budgets are approved. The amount is in addition to the JD 2 million which the cabinet decided to lend, without interests, to the municipalities

Losses from road accidents amount to JD 90m

☆☆ JORDAN'S FINANCIAL losses as a result of traffic accidents since the beginning of this year until the end of September are ## THE GENERAL Manager of the Jor persons (Al Aswag)

New bank in the making

±± AL DUSTOUR can confirm that a group of Jordanian and Arab Gulf businessmen are on the verge of establishing a joint Jordanian-Gulf bank with a JD 100 million capital. Intensive discussions and meetings are currently underway between a committee from the founders and the Central Bank after more than a year of contacts between a group of investors seeking to set up a bank which would correspond with the aims and expecta-

and the rest will be floated for public susbscription (Al Dustour).

Transport agreement with

☆☆ THE TRANSPORT agreement between Jordan and Israel is still under study and no date has yet been fixed for signing it. Transport Minister Samir Qawar said. The minister indicated that the agreement includes specify ing the work mechanism between the two countries in the area of road transport railroads, sea-freight, ports, aviation, cus toms, joint transport and transit. The minister said the agreement and the new procedures would increase activity at the Aqaba Port and. as such, will raise the earnings of the Ports Corporation (Al Dustour).

Fuel prices will not be raised

estimated at JD 90 million. The number of dan Petroleum Refinery Company denied any road accidents during the period totalled intention to raise prices of gas, kerosene and 23,292 causing 399 deaths and 9,279 injuries, solar (diesel) and stressed that prices of fuel Losses during 1994 amounted to about JD 100 will remain the same. He said, the problem of million as a result of 26,387 accidents that obtaining gas cylinders is almost over as the caused 433 deaths and injuries to 12,516 refinery has raised the plant's manufacturing capacity of gas cylinders from 500 to 800 cylinders daily. Furthermore, imported gas cylinders have started arriving at a rate of 2,500 per shipment out of a total 15,000 cylinders awarded through a tender. People can buy these cylinders for JD 18,500 (cylinder with gas | or JD 16,500 for entpty cylinders from selling centres at Al Misdar, Um Al Hiran, Marka and Jabal Amman or from Zarga and Nuaimeh station (Irbid). Cylinders can also be obtained from 1,050 gas distributors around the country (Al Dustour).

French protocol approved

tions of the Amman Economic Summit. \$\$\text{Informed government sources said that} Sources close to the founding committee said the new protocol between Jordan and France the new bank aims at extending medium or has been approved and finalised. The value of long-term financing to development projects the protocol, the sources said, amounts to 100 whether they are small, medium or large-size million French francs which will be used in schemes in addition to all other banking and infrastructure, water and other development investment operations. The bank will also be projects. Part of the protocol will be in the cooperating with regional and international form of soft loans while the rest will be in the banks in financing projects requiring a high- forms of assistance and grants, the sources level funding. The founders seek Jordan added France is considered one of the major needing a bank of high calibre to plug a gap of creditors to Jordan with a total export and extending long-term financing especially in hilateral loans amounting to \$700 million. project financing. According to the sources. Amman is negotiating with Paris to relieve the the bank, which will be based in Amman, will Kingdom of some of its external debt, through be more than a national bank as it will expand various forms, but nothing specific has come its branches to neighbouring countries, out of the talks due to highly demanding Founders will cover 50 per cent of the capital French terms (Al Ra'i).

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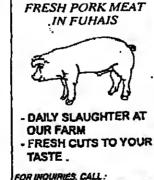


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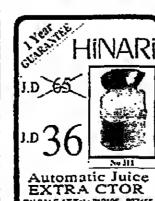
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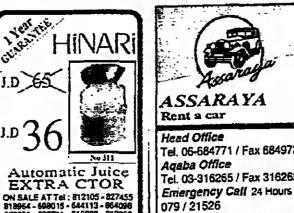
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Arab Clubs Table Tennis Championship

Egypt's Ahli retain women's title

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Egypt's Ahli Club Tuesday retained the women's title at the 5th Arab Clubs Table Tennis Championship after overcoming rivals Benzart of Tunisia 3-1 in

The title was Al Ahli's fourth consecutive crown in the championship they have dominated since 1992. Compatriots Al Zamalek came in second on points while Benzan

Benzart's team, led by Africa's No. 2 Sonia Tweety, put up a big fight and received wide applause from attending fans for their beautiful displays. Al Ahli won the first singles match by Jihan Sayyed 21-6. 21-19 over Afaf Nuwwar. Tunisia's Sonia Tweety won the next singles match 21-15, 21-12 over Basant Othman. The doubles could have been won either way, hut Al Ahli had advantage with cool nerves as Tunisia's players committed unforced errors with their service.

Egypt's Rania Jamal and Jihan Sayyed heat Tweety and Nuwwar 21-13, 21-15 to lead 2-1. When the tie was left for the deciding singles match Jihan Sayyed capped her teams victory but not before Sonia Tweety dazzled fans with

fantastic returns despite losing 21-16, 21-18.

Jordan Table Tennis Federation (JTTF) Chairman Dr. Ismat Kurdi handed the first place trophy to four time champions Al Ahli while Zamalek took silver and Benzan bronze, Jordan's Amman Club came in fourth, Al Orthodoxi fifth and Lehanon's Homentmen sixth.

Egyptian clubs to face off in men's final

MEN'S TITLEHOLDERS At Ahli of Egypt reached the final of the men's competition after overcoming Qatar's Al Ahli 3-0 while compatriots Al Zamalek beat Saudi Arabia's

Meanwhile, in matches deciding 5-8th places Jordan's Al Jazireh beat compatriots Al Orthodoxi 3-2 while Lebanon's Al Ma'ni beat Kuwait's Al Jahra' 3-2. Al Jazireh will now face Al Ma'ni Wednesday for 5th and 6th places while Al Orthodoxi face Al Jahra' for 7th and

The men's final will be played today at the Sports Palace

Earlier in the day. Al Zamalek had beaten Jordan's Al Orthodoxi 3-0 while Amman overcame Homentmen 3-1. The Lebanese team's winning match was secured through the tournament's youngest player, 13-year-old Lisa Bari-kyan, who beat top ranked Amani Tufaha of Amman Cluh

21-14, 10-21, 21-17, Barikyan and her team were congratulated by officials of other delegations and widely applauded for her perform-

ance in her first win at an Arab championships. Barikyan was to receive the tournament's most promising player award by the JTTF in a ceremeny Tuesday

Table tennis doyen sees bright future for Lebanon

Jordan Times Staff Repor-

AMMAN - Walking around the Sports Palace court these days one is surrounded by table tennis experts: champions of the game or top officials of Arah table tennis.

The Lebanese delegation at the championship includes two officials who have been purt of the game for the past fifty years.

Spiro Abu Rielleh, a guest of the Jordan Table Tennis Federation, has witnesses the development of the game on the Arab and international levels since

He last represented Lehanon as a player in the 1954 world championship. Since then, he has been an official of the game in 12 pionships in his capacity as general secretary of the Lebanese Federation from

Mr. Abu Rjeileh was also a member of the International Table Tennis Federation between 1957 and 1981 and was awarded the prestigious Golden Award.

"International table tennis has made great strides, whether in technical aspects of the game or the equip-ment used. Mr. Abu Rjeileh told the Jordan Times. "Table tennis has also become a very popular sport because of television. Matches are now televised live and people are more involved with the game. It is definitely on the right track." he added.

As to the level of Lebanese table tennis, Mr. Abu Rjeileh said it was very international cham-much affected by the civil

war which had disrupted all aspects of life. "Sports in general were greatly affected and we lost a generation of excelling athletes. But we are starting all over again. Just give us two years time. We will he hack." he asserted.

"We now have a generation of serious young players. They are our hope for the future." he said, citing the example of Lebanon's 13-year-old Lisa Barikyan of the Homentmen Club who displayed the capabilities of a future champion when she beat Jordan's Amani Tufaha on the final day of the women's competition Tuesday (see separate story).

The president of the Lebanese Federation -

"Athletes did not train properly during the war. But clubs are showing a serious interest and we have future champions on the way." he said.

Mr. Hani explained that a record number of 300 athletes panicipated in the 1995 Lehanon championship which was won by Al Riyadi and Homentmen clubs.

"We have 10,000 players representing 87 clubs registered with the Lehanese Federation."
Mr. Hani said table ten-

nis was among 22 sports included in the upcoming Arab games which will be held in Beirut Sept. 8-22

The president of the

Lehanese Federation was George Hani echoed the 1952 and represented and country in three world his country's champion in championships since the

British officials dismiss Akabusi's allegations

LONDON (R) — Kriss Akabusi of Britain. the former European 400 metres hurdle champion, has been accused of "vague innuendo" after claiming that officials had turned a blind eye to top athletes taking performance-

enhancing drugs.
Akahusi, who also won an Olympic bronze medal in 1992 and a gold in the 1991 World Championships relay, makes the allegations in a

book published this week. Akahusi said in a television interview on Monday that athletes around the world had deliberately not been tested or had been told in advance that they were going to be.

He mentioned no names apart from Ben Johnson, who was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold in Seoul in 1988 for taking steroids and hanned for life in 1992 after

another positive test. "Ben Johnson was an embarrassment for the sport," Akabusi said in the interview

with the BBC. "He got caught, hut I'm sure he was not on his own. How others didn't get caught I don't know.

"I didn't cheat, but in my time there were people who were able to say to people in authority or looking after top meetings "I am capable of breaking a world record, but I don't want any form of embarrassment."

Akabusi questioned whether young athletes should be blamed if they bad the opportunity to "live hy the same philosophy."

His claims come three weeks after Frank Dick was accused of turning a blind eye to athletes taking steroids while he was Britain's director of coaching,

Dick, who resigned last year after 14 years in the job. has issued a writ for libel and slander against the Sunday Times and former international sprinter Drew McMas-

Tony Ward, spokesman for the British Athletic Federawhy Kriss is doing this - to sell his book.

Graf to play in Australian Open

SYDNEY (R) — World No. I Steffi Graf is a definite starter for January's Australian Open, setting the stage for a dream final against Monica Seles and a chance for the German to clinch a non-calendar year Grand Slam, organisers said on Tuesday.

Graf missed this year's

open with a bamstring injury hut came back to win the remaining three Grand Slam events of 1995 - the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

She crowned what she considers the hest year of her career with victory over Anke Huber in this week's WTA Tour championships in New York.

Graf's formal entry, along with that of compatriot Huber, America Mary Joe Fernandez and Croatian teenager Iva Majoli, follows the dropping of bovcott threats by leading women players over prize толеу.

Australian Open officials had announced last month that women would not receive the same money as the men next year, with the exception of the finalists.

The row was settled last week after talks between the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and Australian tennis officials in New

Seles, whom Graf defeated at Flushing Meadow in the American's comehack Grand Slam, has already indicated she will play in the Australian Open, orga-

Seles' last Grand Slam triumph was in Melbourne at Flinders Park in 1993 shortly before an on-court stabbing in Hamburg forced her out of tennis for more than two years.

Graf is officially coranked number one with Seles, who was given the slot on her return to tennis with a triumph at the Canadian Open last August.

Graf, who finished the 1995 tour 138 points ahead of number two Conchita Martinez of Spain, had a tremendous year despite injuries and personal prob-lems. She won eight of the

10 tournaments she entered, compiling a 44-2 match record.

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"We are particularly pleased to have Steffi's formal entry, as she has a legion of fans in Australia. McNamee said.

The two-week open starts at the Flinders Park Tennis Centre on January 15.

Germany's Steffi Graf retained her world number one ranking on Monday following her victory on Sun-day in the WTA Tour Championships.

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20. Lisa Raymond (USA)	59.81 _

AADRID

President of Real Madrid Ramon Mendoza Nov. 20. Mendoza announced his resignation waves goodbye at the end of a press conference after 11 years as president (AFP photo)

Real Madrid president resigns

anything, I'm sick of barass-

ment and of small opportun-

ists," Mendoza said.
"No-one forced me out of

anywhere. I left fed up, be-

MADRID (R) — Real Mad-nd Chairman Ramon Men-"Now I don't care about doza confirmed he was resigning on Monday after more

than 10 years in charge. "I'm leaving sad but con-tented," Mendoza, 68, told a news conference after meet-

ing the board of directors. The club's deputy chairman Lorenzo Sanz was unanimously elected the new chairman, said Jose Maria Stampa Casas, secretary of the board of directors.

The club would hold a news conference to announce its plans for the future, Stampa Casas added.

Mendoza had announced the date of his departure last Tuesday, although he had previously let it be known that he intended to quit.

He said he was leaving pecause of internal dissent at the club and denied that he

cause sometimes pacifying Real Madrid is like ploughing in the sea, a useless task," he added. Real Madrid won six

league championships, two Spanish cups and two UEFA Cups during Mendoza's rule hut the club's persistent financial problems put him under increasing pressure to

The crisis came to a head when Mendoza's accounts were rejected by a meeting of the hoard last month. Mendoza said he would

dedicate himself to writing a book. "If I left the club with three

again present myself as candidate for the chairmanship of Madrid," Mendoza said. "It defies all logic."
He said the last few days had heen hard for him. "I would have liked to leave on

mandate left. I will never

tiptoes, because it's been tough for me. You need more courage to abandon power than to take it," he said. Mendoza added that he had always had a good relationship with the players. The players have shown me

great fondness, I'm convinced that they like me very much." he said.
Real's star striker Raul
Gonzalez said Mendoza had

given his all for the club. "He's always behaved very well to me and I have to thank him for it," said Paul. "I wish him luck."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Chen wins weightlifting gold before, twice in connection with alleged irre-

performance in the snatch section enabled firm Testut.
Taiwancse Chen Jun-Lien to win the women's 64-kg category event cumfortably on Tuesday at the World Weightlifting Championships. Chen lifted 97.5 kg in the snatch to take a clear lead over her closest rival Hungarian Erzsebet Markus who managed only 92.5 kg. Markus ended sixth overall after strong performances by Bulgaria's Gergana Kirilova. South Korea's Choi Eun-Ja and Greece's Maria Christoforidi in the clean and jerk

Tapie immunity lifted

PARIS (AFP) - The French National Assembly on Tuesday lifted the parliamentary \$261,000 this season. immunity of hankrupt politician Bernard Tapie, parliamentary speaker Philippe Seguin Aston Villa move up to 3rd announced. Seguin specified that, under an nrder approved by an Assembly committee. LONDON (R) — In-form Tommy Johnson the former minister could be required to claimed his third goal in three games to take observe bail conditions but could not be held. Aston Villa up to third spot in the English

gularities over his yacht the Phocea, and GUANGZHOU. China (R) — A superh alleged fraud in the case of his weight machine

Referees reject contract offer

NEW YORK (R) - Representatives of the National Baskethall Referees Association have rejected the National Basketball Association's offer for a new contract and refused to put the proposal to a vote of its membership. The union's rejection was in a letter delivered to the NBA offices last Friday. The NBA last Thursday gave the union of the locked-out referees with a proposal the league said offered a 10 per cent increase over five years and gives officials a starting salary of \$85,000, with top-level officials receiving

observe ball conditions nut could not be new Asion vina up to third spot in the English in custody. The decision, which did not Premier League on Monday. The striker require a full parliamentary vote, is in connectinished off good work by Dwight Yorke and tion with alleged corruption involving funds of Ian Taylor to beat goalkeeper Dave Beasant his former football club Olympique de after 30 minutes and give Villa their first his former rootball club Olympique de alter 30 minutes and give Villa their first Marseille. Marseille judge Pierre Philipon had victory over Southampton in 13 years. But requested the order. He also asked that Villa wasted chances to increase the scoreline requested the order. He also asked that vina wasted chances to increase the scoreline Tapie's immunity at the Strasbourg-based from 1-0 when both Yugoslav striker Savo European Parliament be lifted to facilitate his Milosevic and Yorke missed clear goals. The inquiries. It is the fourth time Tapie's immunity has been lilted: This has occurred twice placed Manchester United in the league.

Magic still perfect in Magic Kingdom

ORLANDO (R) — There's no place like home for the Orlando Magic, even without injured superstar centre Shaquille O'Neal. Dennis Scott scored 13 of

his 27 points in the fourth quarier and Penny Hardaway added 29 points as the Magie held off the Golden State Warriors 101-95 on Monday to raise their record to a verfect 7-0 at the Magic Kingdom this season.

The Magic have now won 14 consecutive regular-season home games, dating to March 3 of last season. The victory moved Orlan-

do into a tie for first place in

the Atlantic Division with the New York Knicks at 8-2. Chris Mullin led Golden State with 23 points, but he was held scoreless in the fourth quarter as the War-riors lost for the fourth time in five games and fell to 0-4 on the road.

Orlando was also forced to do without the services of forward Horace Grant. who suffered a knee injury Saturday in Miami. But their backcourt tandem picked up the

Nick Anderson scored 20 points and teamed with Penny Hardaway to outscore Golden State's starting backcourt of Tim Hardaway and Latrell Sprewell, 49-8. Tim Hardaway finished 3-

of-15 from the field, including 0-for-7 from three-point range, but did hand out 13 assists. In addition to poor shooting, the Warriors helped the

Magic's cause by committing 23 turnovers that led to 28 points for Orlando. In Boston, dismal foul shooting by the Celtics helped the Houston rockets gain their fifth consecutive

Hakeem Olajuwon_scored 24 points and Clyde Drexler 16 points and grabbed 15

A service of the service of the

Orlando Magic forward David Vaughan dunks against the Golden State Warriors as defenders Tim Hardaway (lower L) and B.J. Armstrong look on, during first half action

added 18 to lead the Rockets to a 98-93 win as Boston sank iust 2-of-12 from the freethrow line in the fourth quarter and hit a miserable 9-of-22 for the game.

Roben Horry chipped in

rebounds for Houston (8-1). which shot 28-of-33 from the

"As long as we're close coming down the stretch, we feel good because we have Hakeem to go to," Horry

November 20. The NBA contest was played in the Orlando Arena (Reuters photo).

NBA RESULTS

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Open Europe set for clash of the titans

months of beating no-hopers. European Cup favourites Ajax and Juventus face some first class opponents in Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday night.

This season's Champions League has laid bare the gulf in talent between Europe's elite and the rest, with the British clubs definitely

among the rest.

Holders Ajax. Amsterdam and Real Madrid have respectively crushed Ferenevaros 5-1 and 6-1, and have comfortably beaten Grasshoppers Zurieh in their Group D matches so far.

The Spaniards are hoping for revenge for their 1-0 defeat in Amsterdam, and will doubtless be buoyed by their victory over Spanish title chasers Atletico Madrid in last Saturday's capital derby. Ajax coach Louis Van Gaal has two men out

through injury. Brazilian defender Marcio Santos, who has Achilles tendon trouble. and striker Nordin Wooter. who has a thigh strain.

Reigning NFL

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) -

Elvis Grbac threw for a

career-high 382 yards and

four touchdowns, offsetting a

tecord-tying performance by

Dan Marino to lift reigning

American football champion

San Francisco past Miami 44-

Jerry Rice and Brent Jones

each caught two touchdown

passes, but it was Grbac's

poise that the difference for

the 49ers, who have routed

Dallas and Miami after

embarrassing losses to sub-

par New Orleans and Caroli-

go out and play like I did last

week," said Grbac, a fill-in

for injured starter Steve

Young, "Tonight's perform-

ance helped me establish that

I could put two good per-formances back-to-back."

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"I tried to concentrate and

20 here Monday.

champions crash Miami

season.

Juventus have also got back to their winning ways ter a poor run in the Serie A. beating Fiorentina 1-0 on

A repeat of the previous 3-1 away victory over Dorr-mund in Group C would be just the tieket - preserving the Italians' 100 per cent record of four wins in four and giving them another valuable morale boost.

Striker Fabrizio Ravanelli. who missed the game against Fiorentina, remains unavailable through injury.
The bad new for Juventus

is that Dortmund are on a roll that has seen them soar 10 the top of the Bundesliga. They romped home 4-1 against SC Karlsruhe at the weekend and are unbeaten in 11 league matches.

Though beaten only once so far, two frustrating draws has meant that Dorimund are a full seven points belief Juvenius. They should nevertheless qualify for the quarter-finals.

The only other side with a 100 per cent record, Spartak

San Francisco (7-4) moved

into a tie with Atlanta for the

NFC West Division lead.

Miami (6-5) could miss the

playoffs after a 4-0 start and

spending eight million dollars

on top free agents for this

"We have not started a

game like that defensively

since I have been bere," San

Francisco coach George

Seifers said. "We came up

with three sacks right off the

bat and that is almost un-

heard of against a team like

Miami. That series really set

caught Fran Tarkenton's

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cord for touchdown passes,

Grbac upstaged them both.

He finished 31-of-41 with no

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On a night where Marino

the tempo of the game."

Moscow, are clearly looking forward to their Group B game against Blackburn Rovers, who have a single point to show for their miserable campaign in Europe.

"Our main problem is switching from the icy field at our training centre to the grass pitch as Luznhiki Stadium," said Spartak's head coach Oleg Romanisev on Monday after his team's light practice on a snow-covered field at their training base in Tarasovka, some 35

"Other than that we are in good shape. All of our players are healthy and ready to

kilometres north of Moscow,

"I would like to think of our club as one of the premier sides in Europe, and we want to prove that on the field," said Rumantsev.

Victory for Legia Warsaw against Rosenborg BK would ensure the Poles' follow Spartak into the quarter-finals. Group A is the most open of the four — just two points separate the top three sides. 20. England

Brazil soccer standings

ZURICH (AFP) - Latest FIFA rankings on Tuesday:

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1. Brazil	68.28pts
2. Germany	61.65
3. Spain	61.02
4. Italy	60.53
5. Russia	58,39
6. Norway	57.98
7. Argentina	56.77
8. Denmark	56,26
9. France	56.14
10. Holland	56.00
11. Sweden	55.36
12. Romania	55.14
13. Mexico	55.14
14. Bulgaria	54.47
15. Switzerland	54.25
16. Portugal	54.19
17. Colombia	53.23
18. Czech Republic	
19. USA	51.19
20. England	50.02

McRae has Sainz in his sights

CHESTER (AFP) - The RAC Rally was heading for a dramatic climax on Tuesday as Colin McRae continued to pile the pressure on his World Championship rival and Suharu team-mate Carlos Sainz.

The 27-year-old Scot won five of the first six stages on the penultimate day to slash his overnight delicit from 39 seconds to just five.

MeRae must finish ahead of the Spaniard when the tace ends in here on Wednesday if he is to become Britain's first World Rally Champion. The Scotsman got off to a

flying start as the rally's entry into Wales for the first time was met with fierce rain that left the stages even more daunting than usual. But McRae, who had overcome two punetures that

threatened to derail his title hopes on Monday, shrugged off the conditions with a series of lightning-fast drives. McRae sliced the double world champion's lead by 10 seconds on the first leg at

Dyfnant, before reducing it by another eight seconds at Hafren Sweet Lamb. Sainz hit back on the hillhugging stage at Brechfa which he won by two seconds

- the first time he had finished ahead of his rival in eight special stages. But there was no holding

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Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

473 0Q82 03653 4A763

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1.4 Page 1 NT Page
3.0 Page 7

A - Partner's jump shift is forcing, so a pass so out of the question. To bid three no trump with a tenuous stopper in one minor and only one in the other courts trouble. The solution is a folse preference to

three spades, a waiting bid to see what partner does next.

Q. 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

*AKQ02 OKJ1074 OA 482

The bidding has proceeded: SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST 1 A Pass 1 NT Pass 3 Pass 2 Pass

A · If you've gleaned anything from the previous example, it's that part-ner might have taken a preference with only two spades. Therefore, you should complete the description of your hand by bidding four hearts.

Q. 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

AKJ54 OAK 0Q109 4Q984

The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
10 Pass 20 7
What action do you take?

A . Your hand is far from ideal with

so much strength in the enemy suit, but if you elect to peas with such a good hand, the opponents will steal you blind, since partner cannot

What do you bid now?

What action do you take?

the Scot as Sainz's lead plunged by 12 seconds on the 22.82-mile course at Traws-

coed. Sainz was much closer on special stage 19 ai Crychan, when McRae picked up a solitary second with a time of 10mins 48secs for the near 11-mile test.

McRae cut the deficit to single figures when he reeled off another special stage victory soon after.

He made it five fastest times out of a possible six in Wales so far by clocking five minutes 42 seconds on the short five-and-a-half mile route at Cefn as the drivers headed back towards Ches-

Subaru are already assuted of winning the drivers' cham-pion through McRae or Sainz, but their hopes of the manufacturers' title were also given a major boost. Sweden's Kenneth Eriks-

son, lying third for title leades Mitsubishi, went out of the rally when he ditched the car on stage 18, setting up a potential Subaru clean sweep with Richard Burns moving to third. Eriksson lost control at a

right-hand hairpin and went straight into a Welsh stream. with co-driver Staffan Parmander reporting: "We are stuck in a very big hole. Too decp to get out.

have enough to balance. Double for

ARQ4 OK\$802 010 4Q1003

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1 = 1 = 7
What do you bid now?

A - You are torn between hidding

A - You are torn octover cluding your exceptly live-card major or showing your excellent stoppers in the enemy suit with a jump to two no trump. However, your singleton diamond swings the decision to a suit-oriented contract, so test the waters with two hearts.

Q. 5 - As South, vulnerable, you

AAKQ10002 VI03 0QJ2 46 What is your opening bid?

A. This hand is too strong for a three-level preempt in first seat. Since prospects of your taking eight tricks are excellent, we consider it a choice between one spade and four spodes. Because of a lack of defensive values outside your long euit, we would opt for the four-spade preempt.

Q. 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

action do you take?

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aK65 VA8 OA105 aA10832 Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What

A - We would rule out an overcall of two clubs — we try to sword hidding such a porous five-card sut at the two-level, if possible. That leaves the choice between one no trump and pass, and the fifth club just the control of the co

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Reigning Olympic figure skating champion Sergei Grinkov ported Nov. 20. The pair perform in the pairs technical collapsed and died of a heart attack while lifting his wife, programme at the Winter Olympics in Hamar, Norway in this February 13, 1994 file photo (Reuters photo) Yekaterina Gordeyeva (left), in practice, CBS News re-Olympic champion dies at practice LAKE PLACID, New York (R) - Olympic and world Grinkov and his wife won the Olympic pairs gold medal

figure skating champion Sergei Grinkov collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack while attempting to lift his wife in practice on Monday, a spokesman for the skaters said. Grinkov, 28, and his wife, Ekaterina Gordeeva, 24, who brought the pairs figure skating to new artistic and athletic heights in recent years with their powerful lifts and

stunning throws, had been practicing for the professional Stars on ice tour, which had been scheduled for an exhibition on Saturday in Lake Placid. Grinkov was taken to Adirondack Medical Centre where he was pronounced dead an hour later at 12:28 p.m. (16:28 GMT), said Linda Dozoretz, a spokesman for the Stars on

lce tour. Chandler Ralph, a spokesman for the hospital said an in 1988 and 1994. They also won four World Championships, two European titles and the USSR national

They turned professional in 1990 and applied for reinstatement as amateurs before the Lillehammer Olympics in 1994.

They won the gold medal again in a showdown with fellow Russians Naralia Mishkutenok and Artur Dmitriev, the 1992 Olympic champions.

Grinkov and his wife were married in 1991 and lived with their daughter, Daria, in homes in Simsbury, Connecticut,

Botafogo stay top in Brazilian soccer

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) -Brazil's leading marksman Tulio struck again at the weekend, this time against the club that launched his careet, to keep Botafogo top of their group in the second stage of the Brazilian cham-

pionship. Tulio's second half goal was his 19th in 19 games in the competition and gave Botafogo a 1-0 win away to Goias, whose hopes of a semifinal place suffered a serious knock.

But Tulio, who turned professional with Goias, will miss Wednesday's game at home to Bahia after receiving a third yellow card.

Botafogo stay top of Group A and are four points ahead of defending champions Palmeiras, who beat Uniao Sao Joao 3-0, and Corinthians, who lost by the same score away to Santos. Each team has four games to

play. Goias slumped to

fourth in Group B. Gremio, the South American champions, are second in Group A but have played all their games to allow them time to train for next week's match with European Champions Ajax Amsterdam in Tokyo for the unofficial world club championship.



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Afghan troops retreat from east Kabul posts

KABUL (AFP) - Afghan government troops lost two key positions east of Kabul 10 the Talihan militia early Tuesday, as fierce fighting for control of the area entered its sixth day, the defence minis-

"We made a tactical re-treat from Chakari and Khurd Kabul, but are still maintaining other important posts in the area," a spokes-

The villages of Chakari and Khurd Kabul — 25 kilometres southeast of the Afghan capital --- were originally seized by the Taliban in a major attack on the area late Thursday, but the rebels were pushed out of most of the captured zone in a government counter-offensive on Saturday. Intense battles have con-

tinued for control of hills and military posts overlooking the villages ever since, culminating in Tuesday's state withdrawal from the hamlets. The retreat was the second

setback for government in two days.
On Monday, the Islamic rebels overran a strategically important military post near Chakari which had been seized in heavy fighting on

Saturday by state troopers. tlefield reversal, the govern- in their initial assault.

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli police on Tuesday

freed two more of the nine

people detained in connec-

tion with Prime Minister Yit-

They are under various

zhak Rabin's assassination.

suspicions which sort of

changed as the investigation

went on," police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said without

He said the two men. Ohad Skornik and Michael Epstein

- both 23 - were freed on

bail to house arrest until next

"It is up to the district

attorney to make the final

determination." Mr. Bar-

Last week Avishai Raviv.

leader of the shadowy mili-

tant Jewish group Eyal, was

released on bail. Media re-

ports said he had worked for

at least two years as an infor-

mer for Israel's Shin Bet sec-

Assassin Yigal Amir, a 25-

year-old religious Jew, said

he acted alone when he gun-

ned down Mr. Rabin after a

Tel Aviv peace rally in Nov.

Monday

Chen said.

ret police.

ment of President Burhanud- although the militia has din Rabbani is confident its claimed to hold a fur greater troops have not lost the fight for the eastern flank of the

besieged city.
"The Taliban victory has not brought them significantly closer to Kabul and does not undermine in any major way our imminent plans to drive them back." a defence ministry source said.

"This may be a tactical victory, but strategically the Taliban have still failed in their goal of capturing the eastern defence lines of Kabut, the aim of their offensive last week." he added.

The Taliban, who sprang up from the Koranic schools Pakistan and southern Afghanistan lası year, have vowed to topple Mr. Rabbani's three-year-old government and to install Islamic law across the country.

The religious students aim in launching their attack Thursday was to capture the eastern defences of Kabul in a bid to broaden their monthold siege on the city, which is already hemmed in on three major fronts by the Taliban. defence and military officials have said.

Foreign observers said the rebels probably now hold around four kilometres of the But despite the latest bat- eight kilometres they seized

Israeli police free two

held in killing of Rabin

4. But police have arrested at

least nine people in connec-

The Maariv newspaper said Tuesday that all the Shin Bet bodyguards assigned to

Mr. Rabin on the fatal night

- at least six - had, been

suspended from duty. The report could not be im-

Mr. Bar-Chen said Mr.

Skornik and Mr. Epstein

were ordered not to leave

Israel, barred from the West.

Bank and Gaza Strip and

required to report daily to

police for two weeks after the

Yaacov Weinroth said his

client was also barred from

discussing the investigation.

had arrested Mr. Skornik.

They announced the deten-

tion of Mr. Epstein a day

later. Both men, like Mr.

Unrepentant, Mr. Amir

told a Tel Aviv court at a

hearing on Monday that all of

Israel supported the killing.

He said he killed Mr. Rabin

Amir, are religious Jews.

Police said on Nov. 9 they

Mr. Skornik's lawyer

end of their house arrest.

mediately confirmed.

non with the case.

area, including a village which still remains under state control, an AFP correspondent saw.

The government and the Taliban continued to trade heavy missile, artillery and rocket fire southeast of Kabul Tuesday, although analysts here said both sides were probably exhausted following five and half days of solid

fighting.
Other: military sources.
meanwhile, said the government was already preparing another counter-attack to recapture the ground lost on

The defence ministry said that despite the setback for the government, its troops had managed to wrest back control of a key post from the

Ten Taliban were killed when state soldiers retook a strategic hill overlooking a valley leading to the new government defence line at the village of Band-i-Ghazi, also 25 kilometres from the capital. it said.

Four government troops were killed and another four wounded in the latest tug-ofwar over a few tiny village set among the arid and inhospitable hills of this country wracked by 16 years of war.

ing territory back to Palesti-

"Perhaps physically I acted alone, but it was not only my

finger that pulled the trigger but the entire nation which

for 2,000 years dreamed ab-

out this country and spilled its blood for it." Mr. Amir

told the court which ordered

him held until Nov. 30 to

allow police to prepare an

sion investigating the assas-

sination was due to hold its

last session of the week on

Settlers who took over

mosque freed

Tuesday, the Israeli army ex-

pelled a group of settlers

squatting in a mosque close

to the West Bank town of

Hebron after complaints

from Palestinians, military

complaint from a Palestinian

police commander in the re-

gion. General Hadj Ismail

The move came after a

officials said.

In another development

An Israeli state commis-

nians under a peace deal.



Thousands of Egyptians march behind fire engines carrying the coffins of Pakistan's Egyptian-embassy bomb attack victims Tuesday (Reuter photo)

Egypt holds state funeral for blast victims Suspected embassy bombers vow to assassinate Mubarak

CAIRO (Agencies) — As Egypt buried its dead from the attack on its embassy in Pakistan, an Islamic group suspected in the bombing vowed on Tuesday to murder President Hosni Mubarak and three senior ministers.

In a two-page typed state-ment faxed to an international news agency, the Interna-tional Justice Group (11G) condemned "the pharaohs of Egypt" — Mr. Mubarak, In-terior Minister Hassan Al Alfi, Foreign Minister Amr Musa and Information Minister Safwat Al Sharif.

It said "death sentences have been passed against them, even if they hang from the curtains of the Kaaba," Islam's holiest shrine in Mecca, for protection.

Egypt has focused on the UG as the most likely culprit of three groups which claimed Sunday's suicide bombing of Egypt's embassy and injured more than 60.

The Egyptian government has sent experts to Pakistan to help in the investigations and has vowed to track down exiled Muslim militants.

The IJG. which also claimed the murder of an Egyptian diplomat in Geneva last week, dismissed the threat and vowed to take its campaign against Egyptian missions abroad onto Egyptian soil.

"We accept the chal-lenge," it said. "Don't worry, we will shorten the way for you. We will ease the burden of travelling for you because you are too cowardly to do it... We will come to you. God

willing."
"There is no punishment

apart your bodies into shreds. We will punish you no matter how long it takes," the group

Al Jihad, which have spearhcaded militant violence in Egypt, also claimed

Al Hayat cited Egyptian security sources saying the IIG was most likely made up of "extremist leaders abroad who agreed to commit attacks to frighten countries from handing over militants on their soil to Egypt." The sources said Egyptian security had received "in-

formation about meetings in European capitals" by the militant chiefs, who agreed to attack "Egyptian diplomats and embassies" to stop ex-

traditions.
Militants already suspect Croatia has secretly extradited to Egypt Jamaa Qassem, arrested in Zaghreb in September. Cairo has remained silent on the affair.

In its fax claiming the embassy attack, the IJG demanded the release of Qasscm and of Jamaa's spiritual leader Sheikh Qmar Abdel Rahman, currently impris-

oned in the U.S. Since the failed attempt in June by Jamaa to assassinate Mr. Mubarak in Addis Ababa. Egypt has stepped up its contacts with other nations to take back fugitive militant

Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Monday: 'Harbouring terrorists and their leaders is a problem which must be put to an end. Egypt has increased its con-

It already holds extradition agreements with Pakistan and most Arab countries, including Sudan. which Cairo accuses of harbouring Islamic militants, and other accords are being sought with Turkey and Ethiopia, police officials

Mr. Mubarak has criticised Britain. Germany and other countries which offer asylum to fundamentalisis. "They will pay a heavy price. one day," he told the French daily Le Monde last week.

Meanwhile, several thousnad mourners turned out for the military funeral of five Egyptians killed in the bombing of Egypt's embassy in Pakistan at the Armed Forces mosque in Cairo on Tuesday. Prime Minister Atcf Sedqi

led a large ministerial delegation to the funeral, including Mr. Musa and Mr. Alfi. who marched behind huge bousion to the burial site.

Amid heavy military and police security, black-veiled women wailed as demonstrators nearby marched with banners, chanting, "Down with terrorism" and "the blood of martyrs will burn the

The funeral was begun by a special noon prayer at the mosque, led by Egypt's mufti Mohammed Sayed Tantawi. Mr. Musa, Mr. Alfi and fathers and brothers of the victims in the first row of worshippers.

They were joined by the ambussadors of several Arab and Islamic nations, including the Algerian ambassador to Cairo, along with a large number of Egyptian par-

The five coffins, blanketed with Egyptian flags and flowers, then set out for their final resting place in a procession carried live on state televi-

In Islamabad, more than 20 Egyptians have been questioned by Pakistani authorilies in the investigation into the massive car bombing at the Egyplian embassy. sources and reports said The 20 were either residing

in Pakistan or were temporarily in the country to attend religious conventions, they said. adding some had been prevented from leaving the country following Sunday's blasts. The outcome of the inter-

no arrests were immediately reported, while officials said those cleared in the screening Some eight Egyptians were stopped at the Karachi air-

rogations was not known and

portand another nine at Lahore on Monday.

The official Associated Press of Pakistan news agency said two Egyptians and a Jordanian student at Islamabad's International Islamic University, a suspected focal point for fundamentalists. had been released after interrogation.

At the same time, security men from the U.S. embassy joined Pakistani and Egyptian experts in a search for evidence at the hombed Egyptian embassy in Islamabad on Tuesday. A Pakistani official said the

Americans were inspecting the wrecked mission.

Streisand to produce film about Rabin, Arafat

LOS ANGELES (R) -Barbra Streisand is making a film about slain Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat to run on the showtime cable station next year, the star's publicist said Monday. The film, Two Hands That Sbook The World, will be produced by Streisand's Barwood Films and Jazbo Productions, the Guttman Associates public relations firm said in a release. It will chronicle the last 50 years of Middle East history and efforts loward peace as told through the lives of Rabin and Arafat. Both Rabin and Arafat had agreed to serve as consul-tants to the film, and producers said they had been assured this collaboration would still be provided by Arafat and the Rabin family. The screenplay is being written by two-time Academy Award winner Edward Anhalt, and Barbra Streisand will be executive producer, Streisand, wbo bas been a star singer and actress since the 1960s, broadened her career when

in 1983 she directed and co-produced the film Yenti. In the film sbe played a Jewisb woman in a turo-ofthe century European village who longs to study the Talmud and so disguises herself as a boy, Traditionally, Talmud study by women was not welcomed. Sbe also directed herself in the widely acclaimed film Prince Of Tides, which received several Oscar nominations.

Nureyev's clothes, Paris furnishings auctioned

LONDON (AP) — Fans

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belonged to Radolf Nureyev at Monday's auction of the ballet star's belongings. Bidding was intense at Christie's auction rooms as the late dancer's admirers from around the world bought textiles, theatrical robes, shawls, dresses, kimonos and waistcoats. After the first session on a two-day. sale the contents of Nureyev's main Paris bome, the sale's running total was more than twice that expected. Nearly 150 items of clothing plus a few pteces of ephemera. fetched £194,500 (\$301,000). against an (\$124,000). A James Wyeth pencil sketch of Nureyev fetched £4.830 (\$7,500). Tuesday's session is to sell painnings, musical instruments, sculptures, carpets and furniture. These belongings filled Nurevev's Paris apartment at 23 Quai Voltaire, overlooking the Seine. The contents of his New York apartment sold for £5 million (\$7.9 million) at Christie's in New York in January. Nureyev, who died of an. AIDS related illness in 1993 at age 54, was considered by many to be the most brilliant male dancer of the century.

Brazilian painting sets record of \$1.4 m.

NEW YORK (R) - A painting that inspired a cultural rebellion in Brazil set a record for artist Tarsila Do Amaral at Christie's auction of Latin art in which more than half of the works were not bought. The 1928 painting of a misproportioned, rounded and naked asexual figure sold for \$1.4 million, the highest price for any Brazilian painting. It had been a birthday present to her husband, writer Oswald De Andrade, who used it in his manifesto against colonial influence on Brazilian culture. The painting became a symbol of that moveanillery roll along the wat the story was from the story of the story

Seminar participants find need for constitutional court

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan is in dire need of the establishment of a higher constitutional court that determines the constitunonality of laws and interprets legislations, experts and politicians agreed Monday.

At the end of a three-day conference entitled Democracy - the Rule of Law. experts echoed the importance of a constitutional court for the protection and enhancement of democracy. Although they differed over whether an amendment to constitution was necessary for the achievement of such an objective, they said the democratic process could not be consolidated without the existence of such a court.

"The Lower House of Parliament could not be considered as a sufficient protector of democracy nor could the judiciary authority alone play this role," said lawver and human rights activist Asma Khader at the conference organised by Al Urdun Al Jadid Research Centre in cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Foundation. "Parliament, for instance, does not have the right to liquidate opposition leaders and say it is constitutional afterwards."

"A host of decisions are taken in the country that do not pass through courts. We have many exceptions." to the law, she charged.

Adel Sharif. a counsellor at the Higher Constitutional Court in Egypt stressed the importance of the establishment of such court for the "protection of human rights

and public freedoms" and cited examples from the Egyptian experience. One of the examples was the dissolution of the Egyptian Bar Association, the strongest association in Egypt in the domain of defending human rights. The constitutional court ruled that dissolution by the government was unconstitutional, he said.

'The constitutional judiciary monitoring is needed for the preservation of the rule of law." Dr. Sharif stressed.

Although lecturers showed paramount enthusiasm throughout the three-day seminar for the establishment of a constitutional court in Jordan, some participants backed off when the representative of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Hubert Dobers, called for action.

"Is it a meeting for talk only? I am not calling for a revolution but did you or are any of you willing to form lobbying groups?" he asked. There is openness but there should be some pushing. Most of those who attended the seminar are from the opposition, doesn't this (specialised seminar) interest the majority?"

The German foundation organised a similar seminar two years ago based on the same concept and with thesame objectives. While participants and lecturers expressed more zeal and determinavis-a-vis the establishment of a constitutional court in this year's seminar, Mr. Dobers stressed that they should make a stronger move

and eliminate taboos that ex-

ist in their minds especially of the constitution.

"In some universities it is not allowed to talk about the constitution. They talk about Israeli, German, French constitutions, but the Jordanian one is a taboo," he said. Professor of political scien-

ce at the University of Yarmouk. Amin Mashaqbeh was quick to cite what he termed as special circumstances and the transitional phase that prevent Jordan from progress in the judiciary domain.

"The Jordanian Constitution is being studied in all universities. It is not a taboo," Dr. Mashaqbeh said. 'We don't say we are a democratic country and we cannot compare ourselves to Germany. We need a long time before we make any progress in the judiciary

Deputy Abdul Hafez Shakhanbeh said: "The priority of Parliament is to preserve the Constitution and not to change it. I don't consider the Constitution sacred, but is this the time to

Islamist Deputy Mohammad Oweidah also insisted that the Constitution was not considered sacred for Jordanians but he pointed out that there was a reversal on the democratic process.

When the issue of amending the Constitution was brought up in Parliament. hell broke loose." Dr. Oweidah said. 'The establishment of a constitutional court is a must. We are in a

3 militants stand trial in Egypt

CAIRO (Agencies) — Three Egyptian men went on trial in military court on Tuesday on charges of setting up contacts between the influential Muslim Brotherhood organisation and a Muslim militant group fighting to overthrow

Abdul Wahab Sharafeddin Avyoub, an alleged member of the Brotherhood, is standing trial with Helmi Issam Azzazi and Yasser Tawfiq Al Serri, suspected members of the Vanguards of Conquest. Prosecutors say Mr. Scrii. who is being tried in his absence. faxed antigovernment statements from

Azzazi to distribute in Egypt. Vanguards of Conquest, a revival of the militant group Jihad (Holy Struggle) which assassinated President Anwar Sadal in 1981, has targeted senior government officials in its battle to overthrow the government and install a

a hideout in London to Mr.

strict Islamic state. The group often fuxes statements to international news agencies claiming responsibility for such attacks. Another military court has

Atef Sedki in 1993. Prosecutors say Mr. Azzazi used a fax machine and telephone that belonged to Mr. Avvoub to receive Mr. Serri's

Cultural agreement with Israel awaiting approval of Cabinet By Amy Henderson

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A long-awaited agreement on scientific and cultural exchange between Jordan and Israel has been finalised and is now awaiting Cabinet approval. An Israeli embassy source said he expects the agreement to be signed by the end of the

month along with the Aqaba-

Eilat. telecommunications and sea borders agreements. The 1994 peace treaty between Jordan and Israel stipulated that the scientific and cultural agreement between the two countries be signed no later than Aug. 11 of this year, hut because of controversy over some elements of the agreement and resistance to normalisation by some segments of Jorda-

nian society the signing was, delayed. When signed, the agreement would make official what has come to be known as the process of cultural "normalisation" of relations between the two countries.

Basic disagreement over the education subject" has been a primary cause of delay, said the Israeli embassy source.

sentenced Mr. Serri to death A main fear of some Jordafor his part in Jihad's attempt nians was that any cultural to assassinate Prime Minister agreement that included educational reform would result in what the press has dubbed "rewritting history" which many believe would alter the terms of reference to Jorinstructions and statements. I dan's history with Israel.

(Israeli) counterparts, they had a misconception about article 10 (of the agreement)." lyad Qatian, one of the negotiators told the Jordan Times during a recent interview. The Israelis, he said, wanted an educational reform programme dealing with books. activities. etc. That would be a full project on both sides. But there is no reference in the treaty to

educational reform." he said.

The only reference to education in the pending agreement is a broad one that calls for the "exchange of scientists, technical personnel or other expens on general or specific aspects such as technical/vocational education and training, plant and animal production. computers in education, information technology, archaeology and bio-technology.

The issue of education. said the Israeli source, will be left for future cooperation, as part of "Israel policy not to

We don't expect (Jordan) to change its educational system, but there is an understanding on both sides to change (their systems)." he said. "This will take time.

Not just a month or a year. The agreement would be concluded for a period of four years and can be "modified or amended by mutual consent." The issue of education can be reconsidered after the four years of examining the agreement, the source

The agreement itself, he said, is much broader than education. "The agreement gives both parties a framework for cooperation and exchange - it's mainly about how to exploit human resources of either side." he continued. "The important thing now is to give it con-

If signed by the end of the month, the agreement would come at the pinnacle of a national dehate on the issue of normalisation that some segments of society vehmently oppose. Leading in the resistance to

normalisation are the professional associations who have directed their members not to associate with Israelis on cither a professional or personal level. Members who violate this directive face expulsion from the associations to which they are constitutionally bound to subscribe. The associations came to

logger-heads with the government after the medical and engineering associations refused to allow their members to participate in the Middle East North African Economic Summit hosted in Amman earlier this month.

His Majesty King Hussein earlier this month lashed out at the professional associations, whose councils are dominated by Islamists or Arab nationalists, warning them to "stay away from politics and leave (politicking) to politicians and members of parliament who are freely elected by the people."